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September 25, 2024

Todd McMillion
Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
233 North Michigan Ave, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: SPA #24-0063 Long Term Care Facility Services

Dear Director McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #24-0063 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care facility services to be effective July 1, 2024 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. A summary of the proposed amendment is provided in Appendix II.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to §1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)) and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 447, Subpart C, (42 CFR §447).

A copy of the pertinent section of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). Copies of the public notices of this proposed amendment, which were given in the <u>New York State Register</u> on June 26, 2024, and subsequently clarified on September 25, 2024, are also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

Amir Bassiri Medicaid Director Office of Health Insurance Programs

**Enclosures** 

FORM CMS-179 (09/24)

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI		
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  July 1, 2024		
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)		
§ 1905(a)(4)(A) Nursing Facility Services	a FFY 07/01/24-09/30/24 \$ 140,250,000 b. FFY 10/01/24-09/30/25 \$ 0		
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)		
Attachment 4.19-D Part I: Page A(a.2)	New Page(s)		
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT			
Nursing Home One-Time Funding Increase			
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)	,		
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL	OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:		
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL	15. RETURN TO New York State Department of Health		
12. TYPED NAME Amir Bassiri	ivision of Finance and Rate Setting 9 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza		
13. TITLE Medicaid Director	Suite 1432 Albany, NY 12210		
14. DATE SUBMITTED September 25, 2024			
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#### Appendix I 2024 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Amended SPA Pages

#### New York A(a.2)

#### 1905(a)(4)(A) Nursing Facility Services

For the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, a one-time across-the-board (ATB) increase will be provided to Article 28 nursing homes, increasing overall Medicaid reimbursement by up to \$280.5 million.

- a. Programs to receive funding as a part of this increase include:
  - i. Nursing Homes
  - ii. Specialty care facilities
- b. In order to fully distribute the available funding, one-time lump sum payments will be made to each facility. The lump sum payment per facility will be calculated as follows:
  - i. Divide the available amount of the ATB increase by the total of all facility patient days for the most recent reported calendar year (2022). This will result in an ATB increase per patient day.
  - <u>ii.</u> Then, take the ATB increase per patient day and multiply it by each facility's patient days.

TN <u>#24-0063</u>	Approval Date
Supersedes TN <u>NEW</u>	Effective Date <u>July 1, 2024</u>

# Appendix II 2024 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Summary

## **SUMMARY SPA** #24-0063

This State Plan Amendment proposes to provide a one time across the board funding increase of up to \$280.5 million to Nursing Homes for the period July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

## Appendix III 2024 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Authorizing Provisions

#### SPA 24-0063

#### **Authorizing Provisions**

Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2024

Part NN

- § 2. Section 1-a of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, as added by section 7 of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- § [1-a] 1-b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the state fiscal years beginning April 1, 2023, and thereafter, Medicaid payments made for the operating component of residential health care facilities services shall be subject to a uniform rate increase of 6.5 percent in addition to the increase contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this part, subject to the approval of the commissioner of the department of health and the director of the division of the budget; provided, however, that such Medicaid payments shall be subject to a uniform rate increase of up to 7.5 percent in addition to the increase contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this part contingent upon approval of the commissioner of the department of health, the director of the division of the budget, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 Medicaid payments made for nursing home services shall be increased by an aggregate amount of up to \$285,000,000 in addition to the increase contained in sections one and one-c of this act subject to the approval of the commissioner of health and the director of the budget. Such rate [increase] increases shall be subject to federal financial participation.
- § 4. Part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, is amended by adding a new section 1-d to read as follows:
- § 1-d. Such increases as added by the chapter of the laws of 2024 that added this section may take the form of increased rates of payment in Medicaid fee-for-service and/or Medicaid managed care, lump sum payments, or state directed payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c). Such rate increases shall be subject to federal financial participation.
- § 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2024.

#### Appendix IV 2024 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Public Notice

# MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

#### Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 or visit our web site at: www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Department of Civil Service

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, the New York State Civil Service Commission hereby gives public notice of the following:

Please take notice that the regular monthly meeting of the State Civil Service Commission for July 2024 will be conducted on July 17 and July 18 commencing at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted at NYS Media Services Center, Suite 146, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY with live coverage available at: https://www.cs.ny.gov/commission/

For further information, contact: Office of Commission Operations, Department of Civil Service, Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. 1, Albany, NY 12239, (518) 473-6598

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care services to comply with the 2024-2025 enacted budget. The following changes are proposed:

Long Term Care Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, this proposal would provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of residential health care facilities.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$282.5 million.

Non Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, this proposal would provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of Assisted Living Programs (ALPs).

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expendi-

tures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$15 million.

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, this proposal would provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of Adult Day Health Centers (ADHCs).

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$2 million.

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, this proposal would provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of Hospice programs.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$500,000.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

For the New York City district, copies will be available at the following places:

New York County 250 Church Street New York, New York 10018

Queens County, Queens Center 3220 Northern Boulevard Long Island City, New York 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center 114 Willoughby Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

Bronx County, Tremont Center 1916 Monterey Avenue Bronx, New York 10457

Richmond County, Richmond Center 95 Central Avenue, St. George Staten Island, New York 10301

For further information and to review and comment, please contact: Department of Health, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY 12210, spa\_inquiries@health.ny.gov

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to revise provisions of the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement method-

ology in accordance with the Public Health Law § 2807(2-a)(e). The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology is revised to include recalculated weight and component updates in order to update reimbursement for APG payments.

The estimated annual aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this proposed amendment is \$597,564.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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For further information and to review and comment, please contact: Department of Health, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY 12210, spa inquiries@health.ny.gov

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services consistent with sections 7.15, 43.01 and 43.02 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, the Department of Health will amend the New York State Plan to establish Medical Assistance coverage and rates of payment for Critical Time Intervention (CTI) services provided by providers licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health. CTI services are time-limited interventions to assist individuals during the transition from inpatient psychiatric hospital, emergency, and crisis services or other institutional or incarceration settings.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributed to this initiative is \$33 million.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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For further information and to review and comment, please contact: Department of Health, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY 12210, spa inquiries@health.ny.gov

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan institutional services methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates for Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Specialty Hospitals pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law 43.02(a). The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, the operating reimbursement for OPWDD Specialty Hospitals will be updated to recognize differences in provider cost structure associated with service capacity.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$6.1 million.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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Bronx County, Tremont Center 1916 Monterey Avenue Bronx, New York 10457 Richmond County, Richmond Center The medical practitioner would never be reimbursed lower than either the SMAC or for drugs that do not have a SMAC, the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug based on package size.

There is no estimated change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this proposed amendment.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care and non-institutional services to comply with the 2024-2025 enacted budget. The following changes are proposed:

Long Term Care Services

The following is a clarification to the June 26, 2024, noticed provision to provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of residential health care facilities.

With clarification, the estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is now \$280.5 million.

Non-Institutional Services

The following is a clarification to the June 26, 2024, noticed provision to provide a one-time increase in funding associated with reimbursement of Adult Day Health Centers (ADHCs).

With clarification, the estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is now \$4.0 million.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State F-2024-0258

Date of Issuance – September 25, 2024

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program.

In F-2024-0258, the applicant, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, is proposing maintenance dredging of a 1,625' long x 40' wide and variable channel (133,500 sqft total) to a depth of 6' below mean low water. Approx 10,500 CY of material to be hydraulically dredged and placed via dredge pipeline into an existing upland disposal area west of Swan River. This project is located in Corey Creek, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, south of Middle Road and west of Corey Avenue.

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2024/09/f-2024-0258.pdf or at https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices

The proposed activity would be located within or has the potential to affect the following Special Management or Regulated Area(s):

 Great South Bay-East Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat:

https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/great south bay east.pdf

Original copies of public information and data submitted by the applicant are available for inspection at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, or October 10, 2024.

Comments should be addressed to the Consistency Review Unit, Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000, Fax (518) 473-2464. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

# Appendix V 2024 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Responses to Standard Funding Questions

### LONG-TERM SERVICES State Plan Amendment #24-0063

#### **CMS Standard Funding Questions**

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers reimbursed pursuant to a methodology described in Attachment 4.19-D of the state plan.

1. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by States for services under the approved State plan. Do providers receive and retain the total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State (includes normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced payments, other) or is any portion of the payments returned to the State, local governmental entity, or any other intermediary organization? If providers are required to return any portion of payments, please provide a full description of the repayment process. Include in your response a full description of the methodology for the return of any of the payments, a complete listing of providers that return a portion of their payments, the amount or percentage of payments that are returned and the disposition and use of the funds once they are returned to the State (i.e., general fund, medical services account, etc.).

**Response:** Providers (except for OPWDD's ICF/DD) receive and retain 100 percent of total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State and the State does not require any provider to return any portion of such payments to the State, local government entities, or any other intermediary organization.

OPWDD's ICF/DD facilities are subject to a 5.5% Medicaid-reimbursable tax on gross receipts that are not kept by the provider but remitted to the state general fund for both voluntary and State-operated ICF/DDs. This assessment is authorized by Public Law 102-234, Section 43.04 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, Federal Medicaid regulations at 42 CFR 433.68. OPWDD recoups the assessment from the ICF/DD Medicaid payment before the payment is sent to the voluntary provider. For State operated ICF/DDs, the legislature appropriates an amount for payment of the assessment. Aside from the assessments, providers receive and retain all the Medicaid payments for ICF/DD services.

2. Section 1902(a)(2) provides that the lack of adequate funds from local sources will not result in lowering the amount, duration, scope, or quality of care and services available under the plan. Please describe how the state share of each type of Medicaid payment (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) is funded. Please describe whether the state share is from appropriations from the legislature to the Medicaid agency, through intergovernmental transfer agreements (IGTs), certified public expenditures (CPEs), provider taxes, or any other mechanism used by the state to provide state share. Note that, if the appropriation is not to the Medicaid agency, the source of the state share would necessarily be derived through either through an IGT or CPE. In this case, please identify the agency to which the funds are appropriated. Please provide an estimate of total expenditure and State share amounts for each type of Medicaid

payment. If any of the non-federal share is being provided using IGTs or CPEs, please fully describe the matching arrangement including when the state agency receives the transferred amounts from the local governmental entity transferring the funds. If CPEs are used, please describe the methodology used by the state to verify that the total expenditures being certified are eligible for Federal matching funds in accordance with 42 CFR 433.51(b). For any payment funded by CPEs or IGTs, please provide the following:

- (i) a complete list of the names of entities transferring or certifying funds;
- (ii) the operational nature of the entity (state, county, city, other);
- (iii) the total amounts transferred or certified by each entity;
- (iv) clarify whether the certifying or transferring entity has general taxing authority: and,
- (v) whether the certifying or transferring entity received appropriations (identify level of appropriations).

**Response:** The Non-Federal share Medicaid provider payment (normal per diem and supplemental) is funded by a combination of the following funds/funding sources through enacted appropriations authority to the Department of Health (DOH) for the New York State Medicaid program or is funded by an IGT transferred from the counties.

		4/1/24 – 3/31/25	
Payment Type	Non-Federal Share Funding	Non-Federal	Gross
Nursing Homes Normal Per Diem	General Fund; Special Revenue Funds; County Contribution	\$3.667B	\$7.334B
Intermediate Care Facilities Normal Per Diem	General Fund; County Contribution	\$398M	\$797M
Nursing Homes Supplemental	General Fund	\$169M	\$338M
Intermediate Care Facilities Supplemental	General Fund	\$0	\$0
Nursing Homes UPL	IGT	\$106M	\$213M
Totals		\$4.341B	\$8.682B

- A. General Fund: Revenue resources for the State's General Fund includes taxes (e.g., income, sales, etc.), and miscellaneous fees (including audit recoveries and provider assessments). Medicaid expenditures from the State's General Fund are authorized from Department of Health Medicaid.
  - 1) New York State Audit Recoveries: The Department of Health collaborates with the Office of the Medical Inspector General (OMIG) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) in recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. OMIG conducts and coordinates the investigation, detection, audit, and review of Medicaid providers and recipients to ensure they are complying with all applicable laws and regulation. OMIG recovers any improper payments through cash collections and voided claim recoveries. Cash collections are deposited into the State's General Fund to offset Medicaid costs.

In addition to cash collections, OMIG finds inappropriately billed claims within provider claims. To correct an error, OMIG and DOH process the current accurate claim, and reduce this claim by the inappropriate claim value to recoup the previous overclaim and decrease state spending.

2) Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) Provider Service Assessment: Pursuant to New York State Mental Hygiene Law 43.04, a provider's gross receipts received on a cash basis for all services rendered at all ICFs is assessed at 5.5 percent. This assessment is deposited directly into the State's General Fund.

#### B. Special Revenue Funds:

Health Facility Cash Assessment Program (HFCAP) Fund: Pursuant to New York State Public Health Law 2807-d and Section 90 of Part H of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2011, the total state assessment on each residential health care facility's gross receipts received from all patient care services and other operating income on a cash basis for residential health care facilities, including adult day service, but excluding, gross receipts attributable to payments received pursuant to Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act (Medicare), is 6.8 percent.

NOTE: New York's Health Care taxes are either broad based and uniform (as in all HFCAP assessments except for the Personal Care Provider Cash Assessment) or have a specific exemption known as the "D'Amato provision (Federal PHL section 105-33 4722 (c)" which allows the HCRA surcharges to exist in their current format. The single tax which has been determined by the State to be an impermissible provider tax is the HFCAP charge on Personal Care Providers. The State does not claim any Federal dollars for the surcharge collected in this manner in order to comply with all Federal provider tax rules.

#### C. Additional Resources for Non-Federal Share Funding:

County Contribution: In State Fiscal Year 2006, through enacted State legislation (Part C of Chapter 58 of the laws of 2005), New York State "capped" the amount localities contributed to the non-Federal share of providers claims. This was designed to relieve pressure on county property taxes and the NYC budget by limiting local contributions having New York State absorb all local program costs above this fixed statutory inflation rate (3% at the time).

However, in State Fiscal Year 2013 New York State provided additional relief to Localities by reducing local contributions annual growth from three precent to zero over a three-year period. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2016, counties began paying a fixed cost in perpetuity as follows:

Entity	Annual Amount		
New York City	\$5.210B		
Suffolk County	\$243M		
Nassau County	\$231M		
Westchester County	\$215M		

Total	\$7.364B	
Rest of State (53 Counties)	\$1.260B	
Erie County	\$205M	

By eliminating the growth in localities Medicaid costs, the State has statutorily capped total Statewide County Medicaid expenditures at 2015 levels. All additional county Medicaid costs are funded by the State through State funding as described above. DOH provides annual letters to counties providing weekly contributions. Contributions are deposited directly into State escrow account and used to offset 'total' State share Medicaid funding.

NOTE: The Local Contribution is not tied to a specific claim or service category and instead is a capped amount based on 2015 county spending levels as stated above. Each deposit received is reviewed and compared to the amount each county is responsible to contribute to the Medicaid program to verify the county funds received are eligible for Medicaid expenses.

#### D. IGT Funding:

New York State requests the transfer of the IGT amounts from entities prior to the release of payments to the providers. The entities transferring IGT amounts are all units of government, and the nonfederal share is derived from state or local tax revenue funded accounts only. The providers keep and retain Medicaid payments. Please note that entities have taxing authority, and the State does not provide appropriations to the entities for IGTs.

Provider	Entity Transferring IGT Funds	4/1/24-3/31/25 IGT Amount
A Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility	Nassau County	\$9M
Albany County Nursing Home	Albany County	\$5M
Chemung County Health Center	Chemung County	\$3M
Clinton County Nursing Home	Clinton County	\$2M
Coler Rehabilitation & Nursing Care Center	New York City	\$8M
Dr. Susan Smith Mckinney Nursing and Rehab Center	Kings County	\$6M
Glendale Home	Schenectady County	\$4M
Henry J. Carter Nursing Home	New York City	\$3M
Lewis County General Hospital-Nursing Home Unit	Lewis County	\$3M
Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation	Livingston County	\$4M
Monroe Community Hospital-Nursing Home Unit	Monroe County	\$10M
New Gouverneur Hospital-Nursing Home Unit	New York City	\$4M
Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home	Richmond County	\$5M
Sullivan County Adult Care Center	Sullivan County	\$2M
Terrace View Long Term Care	Erie County	\$7M
The Pines Healthcare & Rehab Centers Machias Camp	Cattaraugus County	\$2M
The Pines Healthcare & Rehab Centers Olean Camp	Cattaraugus County	\$2M
The Valley View Center for Nursing Care and Rehab	Orange County	\$7M
Van Rensselaer Manor	Rensselaer County	\$8M

Wayne County Nursing Home	Wayne County	\$4M
Willow Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center	Broome County	\$5M
Wyoming County Community Hospital-NH Unit	Wyoming County	\$3M
Total		\$106M

3. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan. If supplemental or enhanced payments are made, please provide the total amount for each type of supplemental or enhanced payment made to each provider type.

**Response:** Below is a list of nursing home and ICF supplemental payments:

Payment Type	Private	State Government	Non-State Government	4/1/24-3/31/25 Gross Total
Advanced Training Initiative	\$43M	\$0	\$3M	\$46M
Cinergy	\$30M	\$0	\$0	\$30M
1% Supplemental Payment	\$130M	\$1M	\$9M	\$140M
Enhanced ATI (VAP Workforce)	\$96M	\$0	\$6M	\$102M
Nursing Home UPL	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$213M	\$213M
Total	\$300M	\$1M	\$230M	\$531M

The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment are supplemental payments, however as a one-time increase to all providers they are not included in the above list of routine and standard supplemental payments.

	Private	State Government	Non-State Government	4/1/24-3/31/25 Total
Supplemental	\$262.3M	\$2M	\$16.2M	\$280.5M

4. Please provide a detailed description of the methodology used by the state to estimate the upper payment limit (UPL) for each class of providers (State owned or operated, non-state government owned or operated, and privately owned or operated). Please provide a current (i.e. applicable to the current rate year) UPL demonstration. Under regulations at 42 CFR 447.272, States are prohibited from setting payment rates for Medicaid inpatient services that exceed a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid under Medicare payment principals.

**Response:** The nursing home UPL calculation is a payment-to-payment calculation for state government and private facilities. Non-state Governmental facilities undergo a payment-to-cost calculation. The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment will be included in the 2024 nursing home UPL submitted when it is submitted to CMS.

5. Does any governmental provider receive payments that in the aggregate (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) exceed their reasonable costs of providing services? If payments exceed the cost of services, do you recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report?

**Response:** Providers do not receive payments that in the aggregate exceed their reasonable costs of providing services. If any providers received payments that in the aggregate exceeded their reasonable costs of providing services, the State would recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

#### **ACA Assurances:**

1. <u>Maintenance of Effort (MOE)</u>. Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving <u>any</u> Federal payments under the Medicaid program <u>during the MOE period</u> indicated below, the State shall <u>not</u> have in effect any eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures in its Medicaid program which are more restrictive than such eligibility provisions as in effect in its Medicaid program on March 10, 2010.

#### MOE Period.

- **Begins on:** March 10, 2010, and
- Ends on: The date the Secretary of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services determines an Exchange established by a State under the provisions of section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act is fully operational.

**Response:** This SPA complies with the conditions of the MOE provision of section 1902(gg) of the Act for continued funding under the Medicaid program.

2. Section 1905(y) and (z) of the Act provides for increased FMAPs for expenditures made on or after January 1, 2014 for individuals determined eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act. Under section 1905(cc) of the Act, the increased FMAP under sections 1905(y) and (z) would not be available for States that require local political subdivisions to contribute amounts toward the non-Federal share of the State's expenditures at a greater percentage than would have been required on December 31, 2009.

<u>Prior to January 1, 2014</u> States may potentially require contributions by local political subdivisions toward the non-Federal share of the States' expenditures at percentages <u>greater than</u> were required on December 31, 2009. <u>However</u>, because of the provisions of section 1905(cc) of the Act, it is important to determine and document/flag any SPAs/State plans which have such greater percentages prior to the January 1, 2014 date in order to <u>anticipate potential violations and/or appropriate corrective actions</u> by the States and the Federal government.

**Response:** This SPA would [ ] / would <u>not</u> [✓] violate these provisions, if they remained in effect on or after January 1, 2014.

3. Please indicate whether the State is currently in conformance with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.

**Response:** The State complies with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.

#### **Tribal Assurance:**

Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act the Act requires a State in which one or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services to establish a process for the State Medicaid agency to seek advice on a regular ongoing basis from designees of Indian health programs whether operated by the Indian Health Service HIS Tribes or Tribal organizations under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act ISDEAA or Urban Indian Organizations under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

IHCIA Section 2107(e)(I) of the Act was also amended to apply these requirements to the Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP. Consultation is required concerning Medicaid and CHIP matters having a direct impact on Indian health programs and Urban Indian organizations.

- a) Please describe the process the State uses to seek advice on a regular ongoing basis from federally recognized tribes Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations on matters related to Medicaid and CHIP programs and for consultation on State Plan Amendments waiver proposals waiver extensions waiver amendments waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects prior to submission to CMS.
- b) Please include information about the frequency inclusiveness and process for seeking such advice.
- c) Please describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment when it occurred and who was involved.

<u>Response:</u> Tribal consultation was performed in accordance with the State's tribal consultation policy as approved in SPA 17-0065, and documentation of such is included with this submission. To date, no feedback has been received from any tribal representative in response to the proposed change in this SPA.