

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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May 8, 2020

Donna Frescatore  
Medicaid Director  
New York State Department of Health  
One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1211  
Albany, NY 12210

RE: NY-20-0010

Dear Ms. Frescatore:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-B of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number 20-0010. This amendment extends the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) methodology for freestanding clinic and ambulatory surgery center services for the effective period January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 and revise the APG methodology to reflect the recalculated weights with component updates.

Based upon the information provided by New York we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2020. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Division of Reimbursement Review (DRR) analyst Yvette Moore at (646) 694-0915 or [Yvette.moore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Yvette.moore@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
2 0 — 0 0 1 0

2. STATE  
New York

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)  
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TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
January 1, 2020

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)  
 NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
§1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447

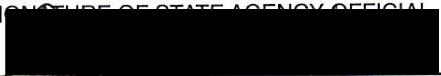
7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT  
a. FFY 01/01/20-09/30/20 \$ 159.75  
b. FFY 10/01/20-09/30/21 \$ 213.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
Attachment: 4.19-B Pages: 2(g)(1), 2(g)(2), 2(g)(3)), 2(g)(3.1)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
  
Attachment: 4.19-B Pages: 2(g)(1), 2(g)(2), 2(g)(3)), 2(g)(3.1)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
January 2020 APG Extension and Updates - Freestanding Clinics (FMAP=50%)

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)  
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  
  
13. TYPED NAME  
Donna Frescatore  
14. TITLE  
Medicaid Director, Department of Health  
15. DATE SUBMITTED  
March 24, 2020

16. RETURN TO  
New York State Department of Health  
Division of Finance and Rate Setting  
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Suite 1432  
Albany, NY 12210

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17. DATE RECEIVED

18. DATE APPROVED  
05/08/2020

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
01/01/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

21. TYPED NAME  
Todd McMillion

22. TITLE  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

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**APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics**

For the purposes of sections pertaining to the Ambulatory Patient Group, and excepted as otherwise noted, the term freestanding clinics shall mean freestanding Diagnostic and Treatment Centers (D&TCs) and shall include freestanding ambulatory surgery centers.

For dates of service beginning September 1, 2009 through December 31, [2019] 2020, for freestanding Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) and ambulatory surgery center services, the operating component of rates shall be reimbursed using a methodology that is prospective and associated with resource utilization to ensure that ambulatory services are economically and efficiently provided. The methodology is based upon the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) classification and reimbursement system. This methodology incorporates payments for the separate covered Medicaid benefits in accordance with the payment methods for these services. Reimbursement for the capital component of these rates shall be made as an add-on to the operating component as described in the APG Rate Computation section.

The Ambulatory Patient Group patient classification system is designed to explain the amount and type of resources used in an ambulatory visit by grouping patients with similar clinical characteristics and similar resource use into a specific APG. Each procedure code associated with a patient visit is assigned to an APG using the grouping logic developed by 3M Health Information Systems (3M). When evaluation and management codes are coded, the APG grouping logic also uses the diagnosis code to make the APG assignment. Ultimately, the procedures and diagnoses coded for a patient visit will result in a list of APGs that correspond on a one-for-one basis with each procedure coded for the visit.

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**APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics**

The following links direct users to the various definitions and factors that comprise the APG reimbursement methodology, which can also be found in aggregate on the APG website at [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm). In addition, prior period information associated with these links is available upon request to the Department of Health.

**Contact Information:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm) Click on "Contacts."

**3M APG Crosswalk\*:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm) Click on "3M Versions and Crosswalks," then on "3M APG Crosswalk" toward bottom of page, and finally on "Accept" at bottom of page.

**APG Alternative Payment Fee Schedule; updated as of 01/01/11:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Alternative Payment Fee Schedule."

**APG Consolidation Logic; logic is from version 3.14.19.1, updated as of 01/01/19:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/bundling/](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/bundling/) Click on "2019"

**APG 3M Definitions Manual; version [3.14] 3.15 updated as of [07/01/19 and 10/01/19] 01/01/20 and 04/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "3M Versions and Crosswalk."

**APG Investments by Rate Period; updated as of 07/01/10:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Investments by Rate Period."

**APG Relative Weights; updated as of [07/01/19] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Weights, Proc Weights, and APG Fee Schedule Amounts."

**Associated Ancillaries; updated as of [07/01/15] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm) Click on "Ancillary Policy."

\*Older 3M APG crosswalk versions available upon request.

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**Carve-outs; updated as of 10/01/12. The full list of carve-outs is contained in Never Pay APGs and Never Pay Procedures:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Carve Outs."

**Coding Improvement Factors (CIF); updated as of 04/01/12 and 07/01/12:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "CIFs by Rate Period."

**If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs; updated 01/01/15:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs."

**If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures; updated 01/01/19:**

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures."

**Modifiers; updated as of 07/01/18:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Modifiers."

**Never Pay APGs; updated as of [01/01/19] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Never Pay APGs."

**Never Pay Procedures; updated as of [07/01/19] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Never Pay Procedures."

**No-Blend APGs; updated as of [04/01/10] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "No Blend APGs."

**No-Blend Procedures; updated as of 01/01/11:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "No-Blend Procedures."

**No Capital Add-on APGs: updated as of [10/1/12 and 01/01/13] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "No Capital Add-on APGs."

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**No Capital Add-on Procedures; updated as of 07/01/17:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "No Capital Add-on Procedures."

**Non-50% Discounting APG List; updated as of [07/01/17] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Non-50% Discounting APG List."

**Rate Codes Carved Out of APGs; updated as of 01/01/15:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Rate Codes Carved Out of APGs for Article 28 facilities."

**Rate Codes Subsumed by APGs; updated as of 01/01/11 and 07/01/11:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Rate Codes Subsumed by APGs – Freestanding Article 28."

**Statewide Base Rate APGs; updated as of [01/01/19] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Statewide Base Rate APGs."

**Packaged Ancillaries in APGs; updated as of [01/01/19] 01/01/20:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm) Click on "Packaged Ancillaries in APGs."

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