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Mr. Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
New York Regional Office
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
26 Federal Plaza - Room 37-100 North
New York, New York 10278

RE: SPA #13-76
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Melendez:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #13-76 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective September 1, 2013 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II.

The State of New York reimburses these services through the use of rates that are consistent with and promote efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area as required by §1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §447.204.

Copies of pertinent sections of enacted State statute are enclosed for your information (Appendix III). A copy of the public notice of this plan amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on August 28, 2013, is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

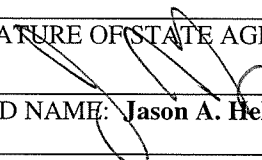
If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact John E. Ulberg, Jr., Medicaid Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Rate Setting at (518) 474-6350.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Helgerson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 13-76	2. STATE New York
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE September 1, 2013	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR Part 447.205 Social Services Law Section 368-d & 368-e		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 09/01/13-09/30/13 \$ 3,612,000 b. FFY 10/01/13-09/30/14 \$ 43,000,000	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B Pages: 17(o)(i)(a), 17(o)(i)(b), 17(o)(i)(c), 17(o)(i)(d), 17(o)(i)(e), 17(o)(i)(f), 17(o)(i)(g), 17(o)(i)(h), 17(o)(i)(i), 17(o)(i)(j), 17(i)(i)(k)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>):	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: School Supportive Health Services Program - NYC (FMAP = 50%)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments 99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza Suite 1430 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: April 1, 2014			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED:	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:	
21. TYPED NAME:		22. TITLE:	
23. REMARKS:			

Appendix I
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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tuition payments made to §4201 schools as these entities were eligible to bill for Medicaid services during these periods.

d. Intergovernmental Agreement Costs

Intergovernmental agreement costs represent costs for services provided through a contractual or tuition based arrangement in which the LEA purchasing the services and the LEA providing services are both public school districts or counties. Relationships between public schools and private schools, 4201 schools, BOCES, private vendors, or other non-public entities would be reported as described in section b (Contracted Service Costs) or c (Tuition Costs).

i. Intergovernmental Agreement Contracted Service Costs

Contracted service costs represent the costs incurred by the LEA for IEP direct medical services rendered by a public school or county through a contractual agreement. Total contracted service costs are inclusive of only those costs for the provision of IEP direct medical services.

Total contracted service costs are reduced for any federal fund or other reduction, including revenue offsets, and further reduced by the application of the LEA IEP Ratio in order to determine the Medicaid IEP direct medical service contract costs.

A revenue offset must be reported by the public school or county providing the IEP direct medical service equal to the expense reported by the school district purchasing the service. The total for all intergovernmental agreement contract costs is expected to equal \$0 in the aggregate, statewide.

ii. Intergovernmental Agreement Tuition Costs

Tuition costs represent the costs incurred by the LEA for a student placed in another public school or county for all services (educational and IEP direct medical services). Tuition costs will be reflective of only those costs related to the provision of IEP direct medical services. The health related portion of the tuition costs will be determined through the application of a health related tuition percentage to the annual tuition costs reported by the school district. The health related tuition percentage will be specific to each public school or county and will be calculated annually based on annual financial reports, the ST-3, submitted to the New York State Education Department. The ST-3s used in calculating the health related tuition percentage will be those from the most current, complete year available. For example, for the cost reports covering September 2013 – June 30, 2014, the ST-3s from the 2011-2012 school year were used in calculating the health related tuition percentages. The methodology used to calculate health related tuition percentages is currently available on the Department of Health (https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/psshsp/) and the State Education Department (<http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/CPEs/home.html>) websites.

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Transportation costs included on the cost report worksheet will only include those personnel and non-personnel costs associated with special education reduced by any federal payments for these costs, resulting in adjusted costs for transportation. The cost identified on the cost report includes the following:

- 1. Personnel Costs** – Personnel costs include the salary and benefit costs for transportation providers employed by the school district. The definitions for allowable salary and benefit costs for transportation services are the same as for direct medical service providers (defined under Section D of this plan). The personnel costs may be reported for the following staff:
 - a. Bus Drivers;
 - b. Attendants;
 - c. Mechanics; and
 - d. Substitute Drivers.

- 2. Transportation Other Costs** – Transportation other costs include the non-personnel costs incurred in providing the transportation service. These costs include:
 - a. Lease/Rental costs;
 - b. Insurance costs;
 - c. Maintenance and Repair costs;
 - d. Fuel and Oil cost;
 - e. Contracted – Transportation Services and Transportation Equipment costs; and
 - f. Other transportation non-personnel costs.

- 3. Transportation Equipment Depreciation Costs** – Transportation equipment depreciation costs are allowable for transportation equipment purchased for more than \$5,000.

The source of these costs will be audited payroll and general ledger data for each district.

School districts may report all transportation expenditures incurred during the period covered by the annual cost report. School districts will be required to complete the Specialized Transportation Ratio in order to apportion their transportation expenditures between specialized transportation and non-specialized transportation.

All transportation costs reported on the annual cost report will be apportioned through two transportation ratios; the Specialized Transportation Ratio and the Medicaid One-Way Trip Ratio.

Medicaid One-Way Trip Ratio- A district-specific Medicaid One-Way Trip Ratio will be established for each participating school district. When applied, this Medicaid One-Way Trip ratio will discount the transportation costs by the percentage of Medicaid IEP one-way trips. This ratio ensures that only Medicaid allowable transportation costs are included in the cost settlement calculation.

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Appendix II
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Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #13-76

This State Plan Amendment proposes to update rates paid for Medicaid coverage for school supportive health services programs (SSHSP) in New York City. School supportive health services programs are provided to Medicaid-eligible students with disabilities in school districts, counties, and State supported §4201 schools. Payment will be based on a certified public expenditure reimbursement methodology, based on a statistically valid cost study for all school supportive health services and transportation. SSHSP are authorized under §1903(c) of the Social Security Act and include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychological evaluations, psychological counseling, skilled nursing services, medical evaluations, medical specialist evaluations, audiological evaluations, and special transportation services.

Appendix III
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Authorizing Provisions

S.2809-B/A-4009.B - Part H

§ 6. Section 368-d of the social services law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 4, 5 and 6 to read as follows:

4. The commissioner of health is authorized to contract with one or more entities to conduct a study to determine actual direct and indirect costs incurred by public school districts and state operated/state supported schools which operate pursuant to article eighty-five, eighty-seven or eighty-eight of the education law for medical care, services and supplies, including related special education services and special transportation, furnished to children with handicapping conditions.

5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or section one hundred forty-two of the economic development law, or any other law, the commissioner of health is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts under subdivision four of this section without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, provided, however, that:

(a) The department of health shall post on its website, for a period of no less than thirty days:

(i) A description of the proposed services to be provided pursuant to the contract or contracts;

(ii) The criteria for selection of a contractor or contractors;

(iii) The period of time during which a prospective contractor may seek selection, which shall be no less than thirty days after such information is first posted on the website; and

(iv) The manner by which a prospective contractor may seek such selection, which may include submission by electronic means;

(b) All reasonable and responsive submissions that are received from prospective contractors in timely fashion shall be reviewed by the commissioner of health; and

(c) The commissioner of health shall select such contractor or contractors that, in his or her discretion, are best suited to serve the purposes of this section.

6. The commissioner shall evaluate the results of the study conducted pursuant to subdivision four of this section to determine, after identification of actual direct and indirect costs incurred by public school districts and state operated/state supported schools, whether it is advisable to claim federal reimbursement for expenditures under this section as certified public expenditures. In the event such claims are submitted, if federal reimbursement received for certified public expenditures on behalf of medical assistance recipients whose assistance and care are the responsibility of a social services district in a city with a population of over two million, results in a decrease in the state share of annual expenditures pursuant to this section for such recipients, then to the extent that the amount of any such decrease when combined with any decrease in the state share of annual expenditures described in subdivision five of section three hundred sixty-eight-e of this title exceeds fifty million dollars, the excess amount shall be transferred to such city. Any such excess amount transferred shall not be considered a revenue received by such social services district in determining the district's actual medical assistance expenditures for purposes of paragraph (b) of section one of part C of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand five.

§ 7. Section 368-e of the social services law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 to read as follows:

3. The commissioner of health is authorized to contract with one or more entities to conduct a study to determine actual direct and indirect costs incurred by counties for medical care, services and supplies, including related special education services and special transportation, furnished to pre-school children with handicapping conditions.

4. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or section one hundred forty-two of the economic development law, or any other law, the commissioner of health is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts under subdivision three of this section without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, provided, however, that:

(a) The department of health shall post on its website, for a period of no less than thirty days:

(i) A description of the proposed services to be provided pursuant to the contract or contracts;

(ii) The criteria for selection of a contractor or contractors;

(iii) The period of time during which a prospective contractor may seek selection, which shall be no less than thirty days after such information is first posted on the website; and

(iv) The manner by which a prospective contractor may seek such selection, which may include submission by electronic means;

(b) All reasonable and responsive submissions that are received from prospective contractors in timely fashion shall be reviewed by the commissioner of health; and

(c) The commissioner of health shall select such contractor or contractors that, in his or her discretion, are best suited to serve the purposes of this section.

5. The commissioner shall evaluate the results of the study conducted pursuant to subdivision three of this section to determine, after identification of actual direct and indirect costs incurred by counties for medical care, services, and supplies furnished to pre-school children with handicapping conditions, whether it is advisable to claim federal reimbursement for expenditures under this section as certified public expenditures. In the event such claims are submitted, if federal reimbursement received for certified public expenditures on behalf of medical assistance recipients whose assistance and care are the responsibility of a social services district in a city with a population of over two million, results in a decrease in the state share of annual expenditures pursuant to this section for such recipients, then to the extent that the amount of any such decrease when combined with any decrease in the state share of annual expenditures described in subdivision six of section three hundred sixty-eight-d of this title exceeds fifty million dollars, the excess amount shall be transferred to such city. Any such excess amount transferred shall not be considered a revenue received by such social services district in determining the district's actual medical assistance expenditures for purposes of paragraph (b) of section one of part C of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand five.

**Appendix IV
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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 September 2013 will be conducted on September 10 and September 11 commencing at 10:00 a.m. These meetings will be conducted at NYS Media Services Center, Suite 146, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

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 Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Pursuant to Section 176-b of the Town Law, the Office of Fire Prevention and Control hereby gives notice of the following:

Application for Waiver of the Limitation on Non-resident Members of Volunteer Fire Companies

An application for a waiver of the requirements of paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 176-b of the Town Law, which limits the membership of volunteer fire companies to forty-five per centum of the actual membership of the fire company, has been submitted by the Fort Hunter Fire District, County of Montgomery.

Pursuant to section 176-b of the Town Law, the non-resident membership limit shall be waived provided that no adjacent fire department objects within sixty days of the publication of this notice.

Objections shall be made in writing, setting forth the reasons such waiver should not be granted, and shall be submitted to: Bryant D. Stevens, State Fire Administrator, Office of Fire Prevention and Control, State Office Campus, 1220 Washington Ave., Bldg. 7A, Fl. 2, Albany, NY 12242

Objections must be received by the State Fire Administrator within sixty days of the date of publication of this notice.

In cases where an objection is properly filed, the State Fire Administrator shall have the authority to grant a waiver upon consideration of (1) the difficulty of the fire company or district in retaining and recruiting adequate personnel; (2) any alternative means available to the fire company or district to address such difficulties; and (3) the impact of the waiver on adjacent fire departments.

For further information, please contact: Deputy Chief Donald Fischer, Office of Fire Prevention and Control, State Office Campus, 1220 Washington Ave., Bldg. 7A, Fl. 2, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 474-6746, e-mail: Dfischer@dhses.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 update rates paid for Medicaid coverage for preschool and school supportive health services (SSHS) provided in school districts and counties in a city with a population over one million, effective on or after September 1, 2013. SSHS are provided to Medicaid -eligible students with disabilities. Payment will be based on a certified public expenditure reimbursement methodology, based on a statistically valid cost study for all school supportive health services and transportation. SSHS are authorized under § 1903(c) of the Social Security Act and include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychological evaluations, psychological counseling, skilled nursing services, medical evaluations, medical specialist evaluations, audiological evaluations, and special transportation services.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2013/2014 is \$100.2 million.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed state plan amendment, which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status.

Copies of the proposed State Plan amendment will be on file in each local (county) social services district and available for public review.

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

Appendix V
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Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES State Plan Amendment #13-76

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-B of this SPA. For SPAs that provide for changes to payments for clinic or outpatient hospital services or for enhanced or supplemental payments to physician or other practitioners, the questions must be answered for all payments made under the state plan for such service.

- 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 do retain the payments made pursuant to this amendment. However, this requirement in no way prohibits the public provider, including county providers, from reimbursing the sponsoring local government for appropriate expenses incurred by the local government on behalf of the public provider. The State does not regulate the financial relationships that exist between public health care providers and their sponsoring governments, which are extremely varied and complex. Local governments may provide direct and/or indirect monetary subsidies to their public providers to cover on-going unreimbursed operational expenses and assure achievement of their mission as primary safety net providers. Examples of appropriate expenses may include payments to the local government which include reimbursement for debt service paid on a provider's behalf, reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums paid for a provider's retirees, reimbursement for contractually required health benefit fund payments made on a provider's behalf, and payment for overhead expenses as allocated per federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 regarding Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments. The existence of such transfers should in no way negate the legitimacy of these facilities' Medicaid payments or result in reduced Medicaid federal financial participation for the State. This position was further supported by CMS in review and approval of SPA 07-07C when an on-site audit of these transactions for New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation was completed with satisfactory results.

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: Payments made to service providers under the provisions of this SPA are funded through a general appropriation received by the State agency that oversees medical assistance (Medicaid), which is the Department of Health. The source of the appropriation is the Local Assistance Account under the General Fund/Aid to Localities.

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: The payments authorized for this provision are not supplemental or enhanced payments.

4. **For clinic or outpatient hospital services 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.

Response: Question is not applicable as SSHS are not clinic or outpatient hospital services.

- 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: The rate methodology included in the State Plan for school supportive health services is cost-based subject to ceilings. Rates of payment for services are currently based upon the 2010 Medicare fee schedule, except for rates for special transportation services, which are based on a cost study. Effective on or after September 1, 2013, on an annual basis, a district-specific cost reconciliation and cost settlement for all over and under payments will be processed. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual providers' payments to their actual costs.

ACA Assurances:

- 1. Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving any Federal payments under the Medicaid program during the MOE period indicated below, the State shall not 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.

Prior to January 1, 2014 States may potentially require contributions by local political subdivisions toward the non-Federal share of the States' expenditures at percentages **greater than** were required on December 31, 2009. **However**, 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 **anticipate potential violations and/or appropriate corrective actions** by the States and the Federal government.

Response: This SPA would [] / would not [✓] 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: This SPA does comply 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.**

Response: Tribal consultation was performed in accordance with the State's tribal consultation policy as approved in SPA 11-06, 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.