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June 29, 2021

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: SPA #21-0014
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Scott:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #21-0014 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective April 1, 2021 (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.

A copy of pertinent sections of enacted legislation is 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 March 31, 2021 , is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV).

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,

[redacted]

Donna Frescatore
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21 — 0014

2. STATE: New York

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
April 1, 2021

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 04/01/21-09/30/21 $ 25.00
b. FFY 10/01/21-09/30/22 $ 50.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1-A Supplement: Pages 2, 3(c), 3(c)(iii), 4(a)

Attachment 3.1-B Supplement: Pages 2, 3(c), 3(c)(iii), 4(a)

Attachment 4.19 B page 1 and 1(a)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*

Attachment 3.1-A Supplement: Pages 2, 3(c), 3(c)(iii), 4(a)

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Attachment 4.19 B page 1 and 1(a)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Lactation Counseling
(FMAP=50%)

11. 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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

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13. TYPED NAME
Donna Frescatore

14. TITLE
Medicaid Director, Department of Health

15. DATE SUBMITTED
June 29, 2021

16. RETURN TO
New York State Department of Health
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
Suite 1432
Albany, NY 12210

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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

Instructions on Back

Appendix I
2021 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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Effective April 1, 2020, Medicaid coverage of comprehensive counseling and pharmacotherapy for cessation of tobacco use by all Medicaid eligible recipients, including pregnant women, will be provided. Such services will be provided face-to-face, by or under the supervision of a physician and no cost sharing (co-pays) will apply. In accordance with section 4107 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, current coverage of smoking cessation services for all Medicaid recipients, including pregnant women, will be based on medical necessity and without limitation.

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Collaborative Care Services: Effective January 1, 2015, Physician services will include Collaborative Care Services as set forth in item 9 of the Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A of the Plan. Physician Services are in accordance with 42 CFR §440.50 and requirements for claim submission comply with the State Medicaid Manual, §4281 titled Restriction on Payments for Physician Services.

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New York
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Hospice services are provided to individuals who are certified by a physician as being terminally ill, with a life expectancy of approximately twelve months or less.

Recipients must sign an informed consent electing hospice over conventional care, subject to periodic review.

Services provided are palliative in nature as opposed to curative: Services include supportive medical, social, emotional, and spiritual services to terminally ill individuals as well as emotional support for family members. Hospice services may be delivered at home, in a nursing home, in a hospital, or in a hospice residence.

Recipients who elect hospice care waive all rights to Medicaid reimbursement made on their behalf for the duration of the election of any services covered under the Medicaid State Plan that are related to the treatment of the terminal condition for which hospice care was elected, or a related condition. A Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligible child, under age 21, electing hospice is not required to forego curative treatment for the treatment of the terminal illness.

Hospice services provider qualifications are provided for registered professional nurse, home health aide, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, personal care aide, housekeeper/homemaker, pastoral care coordinator, social worker, nutritionist, audiologist, and respiratory therapist.

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Physician Services

Fee Schedules are developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

For primary care and specialty physicians meeting the eligibility and practice criteria of and enrolled in the HIV Enhanced Fees for Physicians (HIV-EFP) program, and the Preferred Physicians and Children's program (PPAC), fees for visits are based on the Products of Ambulatory Care (PAC) structure: fees are based on recipient diagnosis, service location and visit categories which reflect the average amount of physician time and resources for that level of visit. The PAC fee structure incorporates a regional adjustment for upstate and downstate physicians. Reimbursement for the initial and subsequent prenatal care and postpartum visit for MOMS is based on the Products of Ambulatory Care (PAC) rate structure. Reimbursement for delivery only services and total obstetrical services for physicians enrolled in MOMS is fixed at 90% of the fees paid by private insurers. Ancillary services and procedures performed during a visit must be claimed in accordance with the regular Medicaid fee schedule described in the first paragraph above. HIV-EFP, PPAC and MOMS fees were developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget. For services provided on and after June 1, 2003, a single fee, regionally adjusted (upstate and downstate) and based on program specific average cost per visit shall be established for the HIV-EFP and PPAC programs, respectively, and shall be paid for each visit. Visits for these programs shall be categorized according to the evaluation and management codes within the CPT-4 coding structure.

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Dental Services (including dentures)
Payments are limited to the lower of the usual and customary charge to the public or the fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

Podiatrists
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

Optometrists
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

Chiropractor's Services
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

Nurse Midwives
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

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Nurse Practitioners
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

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Other Practitioner Services

Clinical Psychologists
Fee schedule developed by the Department of Health and approved by the Division of the Budget.

Outpatient Hospital Services/Emergency Room Services
For those facilities certified under Article 28 of the State Public Health Law: The Department of Health promulgates prospective, all inclusive rates based upon reported historical costs. Allowable operating costs per visit are held to legislatively established ceiling limitations. Reported historical operating costs on a per visit basis, which are below or limited by ceilings, are deemed reimbursable and trended forward to the current rate period to adjust for inflation. Non-operating costs (such as capital costs) are not subject to the legislatively established ceiling and are added to the product of reimbursable operating costs times the roll factor

Appendix II
2021 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #21-0014

This State Plan Amendment proposes to amend the coverage of lactation counseling services for pregnant and post-partum women by expanding the list of those able to provide lactation services in accordance with Social Services Law 365-a(x)(i). Licensed physicians and physician assistants, nurse practitioners, midwifes, and registered professional nurses possessing current certification as a lactation care provider from a certification program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency will be qualified to deliver Medicaid reimbursable lactation counseling services.

Appendix III
2021 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

Authorizing Provisions
SPA 21-0014

Social Services Law § 365-a.

(x)(i) lactation counseling services for pregnant and postpartum women when such services are ordered by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or midwife and provided by a qualified lactation care provider, as determined by the commissioner of health; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not take effect unless all necessary approvals under federal law and regulation have been obtained to receive federal financial participation in the costs of health care services provided pursuant to this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to modify any licensure, certification or scope of practice provision under title eight of the education law.

(ii) for the purposes of this paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Qualified lactation care provider" shall mean a person who possesses current certification as a lactation care provider from a certification program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

(2) "Nationally recognized accrediting agency" shall mean a nationally recognized accrediting agency designated by the commissioner; provided that the commissioner shall designate more than one agency.

Appendix IV
2021 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

Institutional Services

Effective April 1, 2021 this amendment proposes to eliminate the Public Indigent Care Pool disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment of $130.8 million gross made to major public general hospitals.

Effective on or after April 1, 2021, this proposal continues the supplemental upper payment limit payments made to general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals under institutional services of $339 million annually.

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

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, this proposal continues adjustments for hospital inpatient services provided on and after April 1, 2012, to public general hospitals, other than those operated by the State of New York or the State University of New York, located in a city with a population of over one million and receiving reimbursement of up to $1.08 billion annually based on criteria and methodology set by the Commissioner of Health, which the Commissioner may periodically set through a memorandum of understanding with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Such adjustments shall be paid by means of one or more estimated payments. Payments to eligible public general hospitals may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

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

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, this proposal continues supplemental payments to State government owned hospitals. These payments will not exceed the upper payment limit for inpatient services provided by state government-owned hospitals when aggregated with other Medicaid payments.

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

Effective on or after April 1, 2021 and each state fiscal year thereafter, the hospital inpatient capital rate add-ons will be reduced by 10 percent.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2021/2022 is $8.0 million.

Long Term Care Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2021, this proposals continues additional payments to non-state government operated public residential health care facilities, including public residential health care facilities located in Nassau, Westchester, and Erie Counties, but excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county, in aggregate amounts of up to $500 million. The amount allocated to each eligible public RHCF will be in accordance with the previously approved methodology, provided, however that patient days shall be utilized for such computation reflecting actual reported data for 2019 and each representative succeeding year as applicable. Payments to eligible RHCF's may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

There is no change to the annual 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. In addition, approved SPA's beginning in 2011 are also available for viewing on this website.

Copies of the proposed State Plan Amendments 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

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114 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

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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 comply with Social Services Law 365-a(x)(i). The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2021 in accordance with Social Services Law 365-a(x)(i), Medicaid will amend the coverage of lactation counseling services for pregnant and post-partum women by expanding the list of those able to provide lactation services.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2021/2022 is $100,000.

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Appendix V
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Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #21-0014

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 the state plan. 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 2 CFR 200 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 Medicaid General Fund Local Assistance Account, which is part of the Global Cap. The Global Cap is funded by General Fund and HCRA resources. There have been no new provider taxes and no existing taxes have been modified.

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: This SPA is not applicable to the UPL.

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: This amendment does not make any changes to Medicaid payments for lactation counseling services. The payment methodology for these services has been established to reimburse providers for their reasonable costs. However, we are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual provider 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: The State 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 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.