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Mr. Michael Melendez
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
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RE: SPA #13-63
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Melendez:

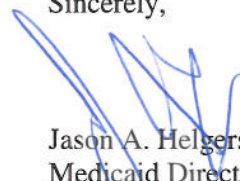
The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #13-63 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective January 1, 2014 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on existing State law. A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II.

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 December 31, 2013, is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

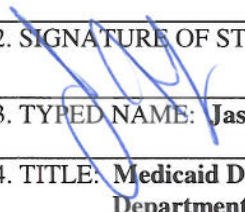
If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact John E. Ulberg, Jr., Medicaid Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Rate Setting at (518) 474-6350.

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: 13-63	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 January 1, 2014	
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: Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 01/01/14 - 09/30/14 \$ 14,014,224 b. FFY 10/01/14 - 9/30/15 \$ 6,160,271	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 3.1-H Page: 25		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 3.1-H Page: 25	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Health Homes - Extension of Legacy Rates			
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 HCRA Operations & Financial Analysis 99 Washington Ave - One Commerce Plaza Suite 810 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 31, 2014			
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23. REMARKS:			

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

The State has a health home advisory committee of providers and managed care plans through which any issues with payment would be raised and addressed. Directions have been given to health plans to match health home payment to providers based on relative health home care management effort. Further information on specific construction on health home rates includes specific administration compensation to guide rate differential construct.

Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Chronic Illness Demonstration Projects (CIDPs) Conversion Considerations:

The State envisions that eventually all targeted case management programs operating in New York will convert to or become part of health homes, **and** [However, given that some of] these providers will require time to meet State and Federal health home standards. [this conversion will take place over the next two years.] The State will allow TCM providers that can meet health home standards to convert to health homes or join with larger health homes. TCM providers that convert to health homes will be governed under NYS Health Home Provider Qualification Standards, not TCM standards. The payment method will be designed to transition all existing TCM capacity from the current rates to the new Health Home payment structure. TCM programs will be paid their existing TCM rates [for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of the applicable Health Home Phase] **until December 31, 2014** if they convert to or become part of a health home. This existing TCM rate will be paid for both case finding and active care management. The case finding PMPM will be available for the three months after a patient has been assigned to a health home. Then, nothing can be billed for that patient for the next three months. Following this interval, case finding can be billed for another three months while outreach and engagement is attempted once again. This rate would be paid for both case finding and active care management. **Effective January 1, 2015, [In the third year of the phase-in]** all payments will be made under the health home payment detailed above in the care management fee section.

The State anticipates that most of the six CIDPs will convert to health homes. The CIDP providers are well positioned to become health homes and meet State and Federal health home standards. The CIDPs that convert to health homes will be paid at their existing CIDP rate for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of the SPA if they convert to health home for their existing patients. For new patients that may be assigned to a CIDP program that has converted to health home the State will pay the State set health home PMPM. At the beginning of the second year after the effective date of the SPA these converted programs will be paid for all patients under the State set health home PMPM. CIDPs that do not convert to health homes, if any, will end operations as CIDPs on March 29, 2012 when the contract with the State terminates.

New York States' health home services are set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates will be published on the DOH website. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All of the above payment policies have been developed to assure that there is no duplication of payment for health homes services.

**Appendix II
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Summary**

SUMMARY
SPA #13-63

This State Plan Amendment proposes to amend the Health Home Per Member Per Month payment (PMPM) methodology for case management programs that met Health Home standards and converted to Health Homes or became part of a larger Health Home. These case management programs would include the Office of Mental Health's Targeted Case Management (TCM) program and the Department of Health, AIDS Institute's COBRA Community Follow-Up Program TCM.

The current TCM PMPM methodology reimburses converting TCM programs at their existing TCM rates. This amendment proposes to extend the existing TCM PMPM rate to converting programs until December 31, 2014. Under this SPA, on January 1, 2015, the TCM programs will be paid the Health Home per member per month (PMPM) rate described in the SPA. The Department notes that it is using the time provided by the extension to work with stakeholders to develop a new Health Home payment methodology that will better align the Health Home PMPM to acuity. The Department anticipates that this new Health Home methodology will be implemented prior to the time the State begins to transition the behavioral health benefit into Managed Care on January 1, 2015. It is also anticipated that this new payment methodology would be paid by Managed Care plans for a transitional period of time beginning in 2015. The Department intends to submit a separate SPA to implement the new Health Home rate.

**Appendix III
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions**

Chapter 59 of the Laws of New York for 2011
S.2809-B/A-4009.B - Part H

§ 37. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 365-1 to read as follows:

§ 365-1. Health homes. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner of health is authorized, in consultation with the commissioners of the office of mental health, office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and office for people with developmental disabilities, to (a) establish, in accordance with applicable federal law and regulations, standards for the provision of health home services to Medicaid enrollees with chronic conditions, (b) establish payment methodologies for health home services based on factors including but not limited to the complexity of the conditions providers will be managing, the anticipated amount of patient contact needed to manage such conditions, and the health care cost savings realized by provision of health home services, (c) establish the criteria under which a Medicaid enrollee will be designated as being an eligible individual with chronic conditions for purposes of this program, (d) assign any Medicaid enrollee designated as an eligible individual with chronic conditions to a provider of health home services.

2. In addition to payments made for health home services pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the commissioner is authorized to pay additional amounts to providers of health home services that meet process or outcome standards specified by the commissioner.

3. Until such time as the commissioner obtains necessary waivers of the federal social security act, Medicaid enrollees assigned to providers of health home services will be allowed to opt out of such services.

4. Payments authorized pursuant to this section will be made with state funds only, to the extent that such funds are appropriated therefore, until such time as federal financial participation in the costs of such services is available.

5. The commissioner is authorized to submit amendments to the state plan for medical assistance and/or submit one or more applications for waivers of the federal social security act, to obtain federal financial participation in the costs of health home services provided pursuant to this section, and as provided in subdivision three of this section.

6. Notwithstanding any limitations imposed by section three hundred sixty-four-1 of this title on entities participating in demonstration projects established pursuant to such section, the commissioner is authorized to allow such entities which meet the requirements of this section to provide health home services.

7. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the commissioners of the department of health, the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services are authorized to jointly establish a single set of operating and reporting requirements and a single set of construction and survey requirements for entities that:

(a) can demonstrate experience in the delivery of health, and mental health and/or alcohol and substance abuse services and/or services to persons with developmental disabilities, and the capacity to offer integrated delivery of such services in each location approved by the commissioner; and

(b) meet the standards established pursuant to subdivision one of this section for providing and receiving payment for health home services;

provided, however, that an entity meeting the standards established pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall not be required to be an integrated service provider pursuant to this subdivision.

In establishing a single set of operating and reporting requirements and a single set of construction and survey requirements for entities described in this subdivision, the commissioners of the department of health, the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services are authorized to waive any regulatory requirements as are necessary to avoid duplication of requirements and to allow the integrated delivery of services in a rational and efficient manner.

8. (a) The commissioner of health is authorized to contract with one or more entities to assist the state in implementing the provisions of this section. Such entity or entities shall be the same entity or entities chosen to assist in the implementation of the multipayer patient centered medical home program pursuant to section twenty-nine hundred fifty-nine-a of the public health law. Responsibilities of the contractor shall include but not be limited to: developing recommendations with respect to program policy, reimbursement, system requirements, reporting requirements, evaluation protocols, and provider and patient enrollment; providing technical assistance to potential medical home and health home providers; data collection; data sharing; program evaluation, and preparation of reports.

(b) 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 paragraph (a) of this subdivision without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, provided, however, that:

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

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

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

(3) 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

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

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

(iii) 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.

**Appendix IV
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Public Notice**

assessments, 99 Washington Ave. – One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1430, Albany, NY 12210, (518) 474-1673, (518) 473-8825 (FAX), e-mail: spa_inquiries@health.state.ny.us

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. The following changes are proposed:

Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the State will continue to reimburse converted Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers at their existing Health Home legacy TCM rates for the following Phase 1 counties: Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau, Warren, Washington, Essex, Hamilton, Clinton, Franklin and Schenectady.

Effective April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the State will continue to reimburse converted Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers at their existing Health Home legacy TCM rates for the following Phase 2 counties: Dutchess, Erie, Manhattan, Monroe, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

Effective July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the State will continue to reimburse converted Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers at their existing Health Home legacy TCM rates for the following Phase 3 counties: Albany, Alleghany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Ontario, Oneida, Onondaga, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

The Department is extending the legacy rate until December 31, 2014, in order to provide the Department time to work with stakeholders to develop a Health Home payment methodology to better align the Health Home payment methodology to acuity between now and when the State begins to transition the behavioral health benefit into Managed Care on January 1, 2015. It is anticipated that this new payment methodology would be paid by Managed Care plans for a transitional period of time beginning in 2015.

The Health Home projected fiscal impact of extending these rates for Phases 1, 2 and 3 until December 31, 2014 is \$3,842,092 in SFY 13-14 and \$33,635,470 in SFY 14-15.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment. Copies of 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 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

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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:
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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 private psychiatric hospitals licensed pursuant to Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law and issued an operating certificate in accordance with 14 NYCRR Part 582. This amendment will serve to reflect that no trend factor will be applied to allowable costs. This amendment will be effective January 1, 2014.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for State fiscal year 2013-2014 is (\$2.231 million).

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment. Copies of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 1205, the petitions below have been received by the Department of State for action by the Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review. Unless otherwise indicated, they involve requests for relief from provisions of the New York State Uniform

Appendix V
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #13-63

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: Health Home payments are not subject to a UPL demonstration.

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 health home services is a per member per month (PMPM) case management fee adjusted by region and case mix (from clinical risk group (CRG) methodology). This fee will eventually be adjusted by the patient functional status. 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 will be

forwarded to CMS. To date, no feedback has been received from any tribal representative in response to the proposed change in this SPA.