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Mr. Ricardo Holligan
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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 #19-0029
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Holligan:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #19-0029 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective April 1, 2019 (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 27, 2019, 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 Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,



Donna Frescatore
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>1 9</u> — <u>0 0</u> <u>2 9</u>	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, 2019	

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*)

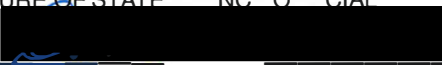
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION § 1902(a) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 447	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>04/01/19-09/30/19</u> \$ <u>0.00</u> b. FFY <u>10/01/19-09/30/20</u> \$ <u>0.00</u>
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 4(5), 4(8)	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 4(5), 4(8)
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
CHHA Episodic Rebasing
(FMAP=50%)

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE NC O CIAL 	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
13. TYPED NAME Donna Frescatore	
14. TITLE Medicaid Director, Department of Health	
15. DATE SUBMITTED June 28, 2019	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED
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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
2019 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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such agency to the state and will be recouped through reductions in the Medicaid payments due to the agency. In those instances where an interim payment adjustment was applied to an agency, and such agency's actual per-patient Medicaid claims are determined to be less than the agency's adjusted ceiling, the amount by which such Medicaid claims are less than the agency's adjusted ceiling will be remitted to each such agency by the Department in a lump sum amount.

- (f) Interim payment adjustments pursuant to this section will be based on Medicaid paid claims for services provided by agencies in the base year 2009. Amounts due from reconciling payment adjustments will be based on Medicaid paid claims for services provided by agencies in the base year 2009 and Medicaid paid claims for services provided by agencies in the reconciliation period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.
- (g) The payment adjustments will not result in an aggregate annual decrease in Medicaid payments to providers in excess of \$200 million. If upon reconciliation it is determined that application of the calculated ceilings would result in an aggregate annual decrease of more than \$200 million, all providers' ceilings would be adjusted proportionately to reduce the decrease to \$200 million. Such reconciliation will not be subject to subsequent adjustment.
- (h) The Commissioner may require agencies to collect and submit any data required to implement the provisions of this subdivision.
- (i) Effective May 2, 2012 [through March 31, 2019] and thereafter, Medicaid payments for services provided by certified home health agencies, except for such services provided to children under 18 years of age and except for services provided to a special needs population of medically complex and fragile children, adolescents and young disabled adults by a CHHA operating under a pilot program approved by the Department, will be based on payment amounts calculated for 60-day episodes of care. The Commissioner will establish a base price for 60-day episodes of care, and this price will be adjusted for the case mix index, which applies to each patient, and for regional wage differences. Effective May 2, 2012 [through March 31, 2019] and thereafter, such case mix adjustments will include an adjustment factor for CHHAs providing care to Medicaid-eligible patients, more than 50%, but no fewer than two hundred, of whom are eligible for OPWDD services.

The initial statewide episodic base price to be effective May 2, 2012, will be calculated based on paid Medicaid claims, as determined by the Department, for services provided by all certified home health agencies during the base year period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The base price will be calculated by grouping all paid claims in the base period into 60-day episodes of care. All such 2009 episodes, which include episodes beginning in November or December of 2008 or ending in January or

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For services provided on and after May 1, 2012 [through March 31, 2019], please see the website below for detailed information, which includes information related to the following components of payments for 60-day episodes of care including (as posted on March 14, 2012):

- Definition of 60-day episode of care
- Base price
- Resource groups
- Case mix indices
- Outlier thresholds
- Regional wage index factors
- Weighted average rates used to calculate total costs

www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/chha/index.htm

For periods on and after March 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Health will increase Medicaid rates of payment for services provided by certified home health agencies (CHHA) to address cost increases stemming from the wage increases required by implementation of the provisions of section 3614-c of the Public Health Law.

The payment increase for CHHA episodic rates will equal the difference between the minimum per hour rate and the weighted average home health aide rate reflected in the 2009 episodic expenditure base and subsequently determined episodic base periods. This amount will be further adjusted for accurate application to the episodic bundled payment to insure the adjustment is applied to the estimated home health aide portion of the episodic payment and not to the estimated professional nursing and therapy services portions of the payment. An adjustment is also made to reflect the minimum home health aide rate in the low utilization and outlier components of the rate calculation.

For CHHA non-episodic rates (the payment for qualified individuals under 18 years of age), an add-on will be provided which represents the difference between the home health hourly rate in the current rate and the minimum home health aide hourly rate.

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Approval Date _____

Supersedes TN #15-0029

Effective Date _____

Appendix II
2019 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #19-0029

This State Plan Amendment proposes to extend episodic pricing to certified home health agencies for dates of service on and after April 1, 2019.

Appendix III
2019 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

Public Health Law Section 3614

13. (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law or regulation and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, effective April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, payments by government agencies for services provided by certified home health agencies, except for such services provided to children under eighteen years of age and other discreet groups as may be determined by the commissioner pursuant to regulations, shall be based on episodic payments. In establishing such payments, a statewide base price shall be established for each sixty day episode of care and adjusted by a regional wage index factor and an individual patient case mix index. Such episodic payments may be further adjusted for low utilization cases and to reflect a percentage limitation of the cost for high-utilization cases that exceed outlier thresholds of such payments.

(b) Initial base year episodic payments shall be based on Medicaid paid claims, as determined and adjusted by the commissioner to achieve savings comparable to the prior state fiscal year, for services provided by all certified home health agencies in the base year two thousand nine. Subsequent base year episodic payments may be based on Medicaid paid claims for services provided by all certified home health agencies in a base year subsequent to two thousand nine, as determined by the commissioner, provided, however, that such base year adjustment shall be made not less frequently than every three years. In determining case mix, each patient shall be classified using a system based on measures which may include, but not limited to, clinical and functional measures, as reported on the federal Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS), as may be amended.

(c) The commissioner may require agencies to collect and submit any data required to implement this subdivision. The commissioner may promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this subdivision.

14. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, for periods on and after March first, two thousand fourteen the commissioner shall adjust Medicaid rates of payment for services provided by certified home health agencies to address cost increases stemming from the wage increases required by implementation of the provisions of section thirty-six hundred fourteen-c of this article. Such rate adjustments shall be based on a comparison, as determined by the commissioner, of the hourly compensation levels for home health aides and personal care aides as reflected in the existing Medicaid rates for certified home health agencies to the hourly compensation levels incurred as a result of complying with the provisions of section thirty-six hundred fourteen-c of this article.

(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, for periods on and after March first, two thousand fourteen the commissioner shall adjust Medicaid rates of payment for services provided by long term home health care programs to address cost increases stemming from the wage increases required by implementation of the provisions of section thirty-six hundred fourteen-c of this article. Such rate adjustments shall be based on a comparison, as determined by the commissioner, of the hourly compensation levels for home health aides and personal care aides as reflected in the existing Medicaid rates for long term home health care programs to the hourly compensation levels incurred as a result of complying with the provisions of section thirty-six hundred fourteen-c of this article.

Appendix IV
2019 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

the 2006 final trend factor equal to the final Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers less 0.25%.

Institutional Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2019, annual indigent care pool distributions for certain providers will be reduced.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2019/2020 is (\$275.6 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2019, continues the supplemental upper payment limit payments made to general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals under institutional services of \$339 million annually.

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, continues specialty hospital 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.

Additional medical assistance, known as, Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) payments, for inpatient hospital services may be made to public general hospitals operated by the State of New York or the State University of New York, or by a county which shall not include a city with a population over one million, and those public general hospitals located in the counties of Westchester, Erie, or Nassau, up to one hundred percent (100%) of each such public hospital's medical assistance, and uninsured patient losses after all other medical assistance, including disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to such public general hospitals. Payments will be made by means of one or more estimated distributions initially based on the latest DSH audit results, which shall later be reconciled to such payment year's actual DSH audit uncompensated care costs. Payments may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments. Such payments will continue April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2021.

There is no change in gross Medicaid expenditures for this update.

Extends current provisions for services on April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024 and thereafter, the reimbursable operating cost component for general hospital inpatient rates will be established with the 2006 final trend factor equal to the final Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers less 0.25%.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures for state fiscal year 2019/2020 is (\$114.5 million).

Capital related costs of a general hospital excluding 44% of the major movable costs and excluding staff housing costs will continue effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024 and thereafter.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures for state fiscal year 2019/2020 is (\$48.4 million).

Budgeted capital inpatient costs of a general hospital applicable to the rate year will be decreased to reflect the percentage amount by which the budget for the base year two years prior to the rate year for capital related inpatient expenses of the hospital exceeded actual expenses will continue effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024 and thereafter.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures for state fiscal year 2019/2020 is (\$15.9 million).

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, update the historical year Medicaid claims used in the general hospital acute rate statewide price development from 2014 to 2017.

There is no change in gross Medicaid expenditures for this update.

Long Term Care Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2019, continues additional payments to non-state government operated public residential health care facili-

ties, 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 2016 and each representative succeeding year as applicable. Payments to eligible RHCF's may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter, the appeals cap in PHL 2808(1)(a)(17)(b) is extended. The current appeals cap provision establishes an eighty-million-dollar annual budget for the processing of rate appeals or reimbursement for construction that has been approved by the commissioner.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of the extension.

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter the provision that rates of payment for RHCFs shall not reflect trend factor projection or adjustments for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997 is extended.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative is (\$12.7 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter this provision continues a 0.25 reduction in the statutory trend factors of 2006.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative is (\$13.4 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 nursing home reimbursement case mix collections which impact the direct price component of nursing home Medicaid reimbursement. The direct statewide price shall be adjusted by a Medicaid-only case mix and shall be updated for a Medicaid-only case mix in January and July of each year, using the case mix data applicable to the previous period.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2019-2020 is (\$191 million).

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter, Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) payments will continue to be based on episodic payments, except for such services provided to children under 18 years of age.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this extension.

Effective on or after April 1, 2019, The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), a personal care service model, permits chronically ill and/or physically disabled individuals receiving home care under the medical assistance program greater flexibility and freedom of choice in obtaining such services. Reimbursement for CDPAP services has been based on a per hour billing methodology. This change will move the administrative reimbursement methodology for CDPAP to a per member per month basis and maintains an hourly/daily reimbursement for service delivery.

The estimated annual net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2019-2020 is (\$28.7 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter, current provisions for certified home health agency administrative and general costs reimbursement limits are extended.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this extension.

Effective on or after April 1, 2019 and thereafter, the total reimbursable state assessment on each residential health care facility's gross receipts received from all patient care services and other operating income on a cash basis for inpatient or health-related services, including adult day service, but excluding gross receipts attributable to payments received pursuant to Title XVII of the federal Social Security Act (Medicare), at six percent.

The extent to which a facility is reimbursed for the additional cost of the assessment is dependent upon Medicaid volume of services.

Appendix V
2019 Title XIX State Plan
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Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES State Plan Amendment #19-0029

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 question is not applicable for this SPA, as CHHA services are not clinic 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 State is 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.