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June 28, 2024

Todd McMillion
Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
233 North Michigan Ave, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: SPA #24-0051 Inpatient Hospital Services

Dear Director McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #24-0051 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for inpatient hospital services to be effective April 1, 2024 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based upon enacted legislation. A summary of the proposed amendment is contained in Appendix II.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to §1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)) and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 447, Subpart C.

Notices of the changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for general hospital inpatient services were given in the New York State Register on March 27, 2024, and subsequently clarified on July 10, 2024. A copy of pertinent sections of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). 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,

Amir Bassiri Medicaid Director Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2. STATE		
STATE PLAN MATERIAL	2 4 — 0 0 5 1 N Y		
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL		
	SECURITY ACT O XIX XXI		
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE		
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	April 1, 2024		
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)		
§ 1905(a)(16) Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital – PRTF	a FFY 04/01/24-09/30/24 \$ 566,651 b. FFY 10/01/24-09/30/25 \$ 1,133,301		
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)		
Attachment 4.19-A Part III: Page 4	Attachment 4.19-A Part III: Page 4		
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT			
PRTF 2024 2.84% COLA			
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)			
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22. REMARKS			

Appendix I 2024 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Amended SPA Pages

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1905(a)(16) Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital – PRTF

Allowable operating costs as determined in the preceding paragraphs will be trended by the Medicare inflation factor.

Effective July 01, 2021, through March 31, 2022, operating rates of payment will be increased for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), calculated to support a one percent (1.0%) annual aggregate payment to be paid out over the 9 month period between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022, and a one percent (1%) annual increase to be paid out over 12 months in subsequent years until such time as the COLA increase is reflected in the base period cost reports.

Effective on or after February 1, 2022, the C/DC rate component will be adjusted to include a twenty-five percent (25%) increase to include additional funds, not included in the base year, appropriate to maintain the required level of care. This increase will be included until such a time as the increase is reflected in the base period cost reports.

Effective April 01, 2022, through March 31, 2023, operating rates of payment will be increased for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to support a five point four percent (5.4%) increase until such time as the COLA increase is reflected in the base period cost reports.

Effective on or after July 01, 2022, operating rates of payment will receive an eight percent (8.0%) increase. This increase will be included until such a time when the Department of Health has determined costs associated with the increase are reflected in the cost reports used for rate setting.

Effective April 01, 2023, through March 31, 2024, operating rates of payment will be increased for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to support a four percent (4%) increase until such time as the COLA increase is reflected in the base period cost reports.

Effective April 01, 2024, through March 31, 2025, operating rates of payment will be increased for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to support a two-point eight four percent (2.84%) increase until such time as the COLA increase is reflected in the base period cost reports.

TN #24-0051	Approval Date		
Supersedes TN #23-0055	Effective Date April 1, 2024		

Appendix II 2024 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Summary

SUMMARY SPA #24-0051

This State Plan Amendment proposes to add an across-the-board adjustment of a 2.84% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) per the enacted 2025 budget for the following inpatient service, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs).

Appendix III 2024 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Authorizing Provisions

PART FF of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2024

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- 16 Section 1. 1. Subject to available appropriations and approval of the 17 director of the budget, the commissioners of the office of mental health, office for people with developmental disabilities, office of 18 addiction services and supports, office of temporary and disability assistance, office of children and family services, and the state office 21 for the aging (hereinafter "the commissioners") shall establish a state fiscal year 2024-2025 cost of living adjustment (COLA), effective April 1, 2024, for projecting for the effects of inflation upon rates of 2.3 payments, contracts, or any other form of reimbursement for the programs 25 and services listed in subdivision five of this section. The COLA estab-26 lished herein shall be applied to the appropriate portion of reimbursa-27 ble costs or contract amounts. Where appropriate, transfers to the 28 department of health (DOH) shall be made as reimbursement for the state share of medical assistance.
 - 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, subject to the approval of the director of the budget and available appropriations therefore, for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, the commissioners shall provide funding to support a two and eight-tenths and four-hundredths percent (2.84%) cost of living adjustment under this section for all eligible programs and services as determined pursuant to subdivision five of this section.
- 3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, and as approved 38 by the director of the budget, the 2.84 percent cost of living adjust-39 ment (COLA) established herein shall be inclusive of all other cost of 40 living type increases, inflation factors, or trend factors that are 41 newly applied effective April 1, 2024. Except for the 2.84 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) established herein, for the period commenc-43 ing on April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 the commissioners shall 44 not apply any other new cost of living adjustments for the purpose of 45 establishing rates of payments, contracts or any other form reimbursement. The phrase "all other cost of living type increases, 47 inflation factors, or trend factors as defined in this subdivision S. 8307--C 57 A. 8807--C
 - shall not include payments made pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act or other federal relief programs related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic public health emergency. This subdivision shall not prevent the office of children and family services from applying additional trend factors or staff retention factors to eligible programs and services under paragraph (v) of subdivision five of this section.
- 4. Each local government unit or direct contract provider receiving the cost of living adjustment established herein shall use such funding to provide a targeted salary increase of at least one and seven-tenths 9 10 percent (1.7%) to eligible individuals in accordance with subdivision six of this section. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, 11 12 the commissioners shall develop guidelines for local government units 13 and direct contract providers on implementation of such targeted salary 14 increase.
- 15 5. Eligible programs and services. (i) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of mental health (OMH) eligible for 16 the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal 17 approval where applicable, include: office of mental health licensed 18 outpatient programs, pursuant to parts 587 and 599 of title 14 CRR-NY of

20 the office of mental health regulations including clinic, continuing day 21 treatment, day treatment, intensive outpatient programs and partial hospitalization; outreach; crisis residence; crisis 22 stabilization, 23 crisis/respite beds; mobile crisis, part 590 comprehensive psychiatric 24 emergency program services; crisis intervention; home based crisis 25 intervention; family care; supported single room occupancy; supported 26 housing; supported housing community services; treatment congregate; 27 supported congregate; community residence - children and youth; 28 treatment/apartment; supported apartment; community residence single 29 room occupancy; on-site rehabilitation; employment programs; recreation; 30 respite care; transportation; psychosocial club; assertive community 31 treatment; case management; care coordination, including health home 32 plus services; local government unit administration; monitoring and 33 evaluation; children and youth vocational services; single point of 34 access; school-based mental health program; family support children and 35 youth; advocacy/support services; drop in centers; recovery centers; 36 transition management services; bridger; home and community based waiver 37 services; behavioral health waiver services authorized pursuant to the 38 section 1115 MRT waiver; self-help programs; consumer service dollars; 39 conference of local mental hygiene directors; multicultural initiative; ongoing integrated supported employment services; supported education; ill/chemical abuse (MICA) network; personalized recovery 41 mentally 42 oriented services; children and family treatment and support services; residential treatment facilities operating pursuant to part 584 of title 44 14-NYCRR; geriatric demonstration programs; community-based mental 45 health family treatment and support; coordinated children's service 46 initiative; homeless services; and promises zone.

47 (ii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the 48 office for people with developmental disabilities (OPWDD) eligible for 49 the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal 50 approval where applicable, include: local/unified services; chapter 620 51 services; voluntary operated community residential services; article 16 52 clinics; day treatment services; family support services; 100% day 53 training; epilepsy services; traumatic brain injury services; hepatitis 54 B services; independent practitioner services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; crisis services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; family 56 S. 8307--C 58

care residential habilitation; supervised residential habilitation; supportive residential habilitation; respite; day habilitation; prevocational services; supported employment; community habilitation; intermediate care facility day and residential services; specialty hospital; pathways to employment; intensive behavioral services; community transition services; family education and training; fiscal intermediary; support broker; and personal resource accounts.

8 (iii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the 9 office of addiction services and supports (OASAS) eligible for the cost 10 of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where 11 applicable, include: medically supervised withdrawal services - residential; medically supervised withdrawal services - outpatient; medically 13 managed detoxification; medically monitored withdrawal; inpatient reha-14 bilitation services; outpatient opioid treatment; residential opioid 15 treatment; KEEP units outpatient; residential opioid treatment to absti-16 nence; problem gambling treatment; medically supervised outpatient; 17 outpatient rehabilitation; specialized services substance 18 programs; home and community based waiver services pursuant to subdivi19 sion 9 of section 366 of the social services law; children and family 20 treatment and support services; continuum of care rental assistance case management; NY/NY III post-treatment housing; NY/NY III housing for 21 22 persons at risk for homelessness; permanent supported housing; youth 23 clubhouse; recovery community centers; recovery community organizing 24 initiative; residential rehabilitation services for youth (RRSY); inten-25 sive residential; community residential; supportive living; residential 26 services; job placement initiative; case management; family support navigator; local government unit administration; peer engagement; voca-27 28 rehabilitation; support services; HIV early intervention services; dual diagnosis coordinator; problem gambling resource centers; 30 problem gambling prevention; prevention resource centers; 31 prevention services; other prevention services; and community services.

(iv) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of temporary and disability assistance (OTDA) eligible for the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: nutrition outreach and education program (NOEP).

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- (v) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of children and family services (OCFS) eligible for the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: programs for which the office of children and family 40 services establishes maximum state aid rates pursuant to section 398-a of the social services law and section 4003 of the education law; emergency foster homes; foster family boarding homes and therapeutic foster 44 homes; supervised settings as defined by subdivision twenty-two of section 371 of the social services law; adoptive parents receiving adoption subsidy pursuant to section 453 of the social services law; and congregate and scattered supportive housing programs and supportive services provided under the NY/NY III supportive housing agreement to young adults leaving or having recently left foster care.
- (vi) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the state office for the aging (SOFA) eligible for the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: 53 community services for the elderly; expanded in-home services for the elderly; and wellness in nutrition program.
- 6. Eliqible individuals. Support staff, direct care staff, clinical staff, and non-executive administrative staff in programs and services S. 8307--C A. 8807--C 59

listed in subdivision five of this section shall be eliqible for the 1.7% targeted salary increase established pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

- (a) For the office of mental health, office for people with developmental disabilities, and office of addiction services and supports, support staff shall mean individuals employed in consolidated fiscal report position title codes ranging from 100 to 199; direct care staff shall mean individuals employed in consolidated fiscal report position title codes ranging from 200 to 299; clinical staff shall mean individ-10 uals employed in consolidated fiscal report position title codes ranging from 300 to 399; and non-executive administrative staff shall mean indi-12 viduals employed in consolidated fiscal report position title codes 400, 13 500 to 599, 605 to 699, and 703 to 799. Individuals employed in consolidated fiscal report position title codes 601 to 604, 701 and 702 shall 15 be ineligible for the 1.7% targeted salary increase established herein.
- 16 (b) For the office of temporary and disability assistance, office of 17 children and family services, and the state office for the aging, eligi-

- 18 ble support staff, direct care staff, clinical staff, and non-executive 19 administrative staff titles shall be determined by each agency's commis-20 sioner.
- 7. Each local government unit or direct contract provider receiving funding for the cost of living adjustment established herein shall submit a written certification, in such form and at such time as each commissioner shall prescribe, attesting how such funding will be or was used to first promote the recruitment and retention of support staff, direct care staff, clinical staff, non-executive administrative staff, or respond to other critical non-personal service costs prior to supporting any salary increases or other compensation for executive level job titles.
- 8. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, agency commissioners shall be authorized to recoup funding from a local governmental unit or direct contract provider for the cost of living adjustment established herein determined to have been used in a manner inconsistent with the appropriation, or any other provision of this section. Such agency commissioners shall be authorized to employ any legal mechanism to recoup such funds, including an offset of other funds that are owed to such local governmental unit or direct contract provider.
- 39 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to 40 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1,

Appendix IV 2024 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Public Notice

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 or visit our web site at: www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Civil Service

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, the New York State Civil Service Commission hereby gives public notice of the following:

Please take notice that the regular monthly meeting of the State Civil Service Commission for April 2024 will be conducted on April 17 and April 18 commencing at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted at NYS Media Services Center, Suite 146, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY with live coverage available at: https://www.cs.ny.gov/commission/

For further information, contact: Office of Commission Operations, Department of Civil Service, Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. 1, Albany, NY 12239 (518) 473-6598

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of General Services

Pursuant to section 30-a of the Public Lands Law, the Office of General Services hereby gives notice to the following:

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that:

Address: .21 acres of land, Plank Road

Berlin, NY

Rensselaer County

 $.21\pm$ acres of land, known as a portion of the Cowee State Forest, is surplus and no longer useful or necessary for state program purposes and has abandoned the property to the Commissioner of General Services for sale or other disposition as Unappropriated State land.

For further information, please contact: Frank Pallante, Office of General Services, Legal Services, 36th Fl., Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 474-8831

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 institutional, non-institutional and long term care services to comply with the 2024-2025 proposed executive budget. The following changes are proposed:

All Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, the Department of Health will adjust rates statewide to reflect a 1.5% percent Cost of Living Adjustment for the following Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), and Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) State Plan Services: OMH Outpatient Services, OMH Clinic Services, OMH Rehabilitative Services, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, including Extended Observation Beds, Children Family Treatment Support Services, Health Home Plus, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth, OASAS Outpatient Addiction Services, OASAS Freestanding (non-hospital) Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, OASAS Freestanding Inpatient Detox Services, OASAS Addiction Treatment Centers, OASAS Part 820 Residential Services, OASAS Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth, Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/IDD), Day Treatment, Article 16 Clinic Services, Specialty Hospital, Independent Practitioner Services for Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD), and OPWDD Crisis Services.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$25.1 million.

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, noticed provision for a rate change regarding Emergency Medical Services will be revised. All such Emergency Medical Services will be paid established fees for ambulance services providing treatment in place (TIP) without transport, a base fee without a mileage charge. This change will reduce unnecessary Emergency Department (ED) trips, thus relieving ED wait times, improving overall ED and EMS care and reducing Medicaid costs.

The estimated net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is (\$1.2 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, the reimbursement rate for Early Intervention services will increase by 5%. These rates are being increased to address capacity issues that municipalities are facing statewide.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$12 million.

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, rates of payment for Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) related to behavioral health services provided by Health Facilities licensed under Article 29-I of the Public Health Law to individuals under age 21 years, will be increased to account for enhanced programmatic requirements related to delivery of care in Qualified Residential Treatment Facilities.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$18 million.

Effective on April 1, 2024, conflicts of interest between Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) CDPAP Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Licensed Home Care Service Agencies (LHCSAs) will be eliminated.

Effective on October 1, 2024, consumer self-direction will be required in the CDPAP program, and proposed regulation authority relating to quality-of-care standards and labor protections for the CDPAP and Personal Care programs shall take effect.

Effective on or after January 1, 2025, FI procurement will be repealed and replaced with an authorization process.

Effective on or after April 1, 2025, conflicts of interest between CDPAP Fis, Managed Long-term Care Plans (MLTCs), and Health Maintenance Organizations will be eliminated.

The estimated net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to these initiatives contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2025 is (\$200 million) and for state fiscal year 2026 is (\$400 million).

Long Term Care Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, the case mix adjustment from the operating component of the rates for skilled nursing facilities shall remain unchanged from the July 2023 rates during the development and until full implementation of a new case mix methodology in accordance with Federal acuity data.

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

Effective on or after April 1, 2024 and each SFY thereafter, the Department proposes to reduce funding associated with residential health care facilities' capital reimbursement by 10 percent.

The estimated net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is (\$57 million).

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. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

For the New York City district, copies will be available at the following places:

New York County 250 Church Street New York, New York 10018

Queens County, Queens Center 3220 Northern Boulevard Long Island City, New York 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center 114 Willoughby Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

Bronx County, Tremont Center 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: 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 Long Term Care Services as authorized by § 2826 of New York Public Health Law. The following changes are proposed:

Long Term Care Service

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, the Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care services related to temporary rate adjustments to long term care providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. These payments are authorized by current State statutory and regulatory provisions. The temporary rate adjustments will be reviewed and approved by the CINERGY Collaborative.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$30 million.

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. Individuals without internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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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 non-institutional services to comply with statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, this amendment proposes to revise the payment eligibility criteria, for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), that are eligible for the Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) which provides for an additional payment annually to preserve and improve beneficiary

Public Notice NYS 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 institutional, non-institutional and long-term care services pursuant to the enacted 2024-2025 executive budget. The following clarifications are proposed:

All Services

The following is a clarification to the March 27th, 2024 noticed proposal to adjust rates of payments statewide to reflect a 1.5 percent (1.5%) Cost of Living Adjustment. With clarification, this increase will now be 2.84 percent (2.84%) and relating to the following: Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), and Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) State Plan Services: OMH Outpatient Services, OMH Clinic Services, OMH Rehabilitative Services, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, including Extended Observation Beds, Children Family Treatment Support Services, Health Home Plus, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth, OASAS Outpatient Addiction Services, OASAS Freestanding (non-hospital) Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, OASAS Freestanding Inpatient Detox Services, OASAS Addiction Treatment Centers, OASAS Part 820 Residential Services, OASAS Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth, Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/IDD), Day Treatment, Article 16 Clinic Services, Specialty Hospital, Independent Practitioner Services for Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD), and OPWDD Crisis Services.

For publication in the July 10, 2024, edition of the New York State Register

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$49.9 million.

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. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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Appendix V 2024 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Responses to Standard Funding Questions

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES State Plan Amendment #24-0051

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-A of the state plan.

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 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 receive and retain 100 percent of total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State and the State does not require any provider to return any portion of such payments to the State, local government entities, or any other intermediary organization.

- 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 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 government 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: The Non-Federal share Medicaid provider payment is funded by a combination of the following funds/funding sources through enacted appropriations authority to the Department of Health (DOH) for the New York State Medicaid program or is funded by an IGT transferred from the counties.

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Payment Type	Non-Federal Share Funding	Non-Federal	Gross	
Hospital Inpatient Normal	General Fund; Special Revenue	\$2.355B	\$4.711B	
Per Diem	Funds; County Contribution			
Residential Treatment Facilities Normal Per Diem	General Fund; County Contribution	\$51M	\$103M	
Hospital Inpatient Supplemental	General Fund	\$142M	\$28 4 M	
Indigent Care Pool	General Fund; Special Revenue Funds	\$300M	\$600M	
Voluntary UPL	General Fund	\$170M	\$339M	
Indigent Care Pool Adjustment	General Fund; IGT	\$206M	\$412M	
Disproportionate Share Program	General Fund; IGT	\$1,026M	\$2,051M	
State Public Inpatient UPL	General Fund	(\$3M)	(\$5M)	
Non-State Government Inpatient UPL	IGT	\$210M	\$421M	
Totals		\$4.457B	\$8.915B	

- A. General Fund: Revenue resources for the State's General Fund includes taxes (e.g., income, sales, etc.), and miscellaneous fees (including audit recoveries). Medicaid expenditures from the State's General Fund are authorized from Department of Health Medicaid.
 - 1) New York State Audit Recoveries: The Department of Health collaborates with the Office of the Medical Inspector General (OMIG) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) in recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. OMIG conducts and coordinates the investigation, detection, audit, and review of Medicaid providers and recipients to ensure they are complying with all applicable laws and regulation. OMIG recovers any improper payments through cash collections and voided claim recoveries. Cash collections are deposited into the State's General Fund to offset Medicaid costs.

In addition to cash collections, OMIG finds inappropriately billed claims within provider claims. To correct an error, OMIG and DOH process the current accurate

claim, and reduce this claim by the inappropriate claim value to recoup the previous overclaim and decrease state spending.

B. Special Revenue Funds:

- Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) Resource Fund: as authorized in section 92-dd of New York State Finance Law and was established in 1996, pursuant to New York State Public Health Law 2807-j and 2807-s (surcharges), 2807-c (1 percent), and 2807-d-1 (1.6 percent). HCRA resources include:
 - Surcharge on net patient service revenues for Inpatient Hospital Services.
 - The rate for commercial payors is 9.63 percent.
 - o The rate for governmental payors, including Medicaid, is 7.04 percent.
 - Federal payors, including Medicare, are exempt from the surcharge.
 - 1 percent assessment on General Hospital Inpatient Revenue.
 - 1.6 percent Quality Contribution on Maternity and Newborn (IP) Services.
- 2) Health Facility Cash Assessment Program (HFCAP) Fund: Pursuant to New York State Public Health Law 2807-d, the total state assessment on each hospital's gross receipts received from all patient care services and other operating income, excluding gross receipts attributable to payments received pursuant to Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act (Medicare), is 0.35 percent.

NOTE: New York's Health Care taxes are either broad based and uniform (as in all HFCAP assessments except for the Personal Care Provider Cash Assessment) or have a specific exemption known as the "D'Amato provision (Federal PHL section 105-33 4722 (c)" which allows the HCRA surcharges to exist in their current format. The single tax which has been determined by the State to be an impermissible provider tax is the HFCAP charge on Personal Care Providers. The State does not claim any Federal dollars for the surcharge collected in this manner in order to comply with all Federal provider tax rules.

C. Additional Resources for Non-Federal Share Funding:

County Contribution: In State Fiscal Year 2006, through enacted State legislation (Part C of Chapter 58 of the laws of 2005), New York State "capped" the amount localities contributed to the non-Federal share of providers claims. This was designed to relieve pressure on county property taxes and the NYC budget by limiting local contributions having New York State absorb all local program costs above this fixed statutory inflation rate (3% at the time).

However, in State Fiscal Year 2013 New York State provided additional relief to Localities by reducing local contributions annual growth from three precent to zero over a three-year period. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2016, counties began paying a fixed cost in perpetuity as follows:

Entity	Annual Amount
New York City	\$5.210B

Total	\$7.364B		
Rest of State (53 Counties)	\$1.260B		
Erie County	\$205M		
Westchester County	\$215M		
Nassau County	\$231M		
Suffolk County	\$243M		

By eliminating the growth in localities Medicaid costs, the State has statutorily capped total Statewide County Medicaid expenditures at 2015 levels. All additional county Medicaid costs are funded by the State through State funding as described above. DOH provides annual letters to counties providing weekly contributions. Contributions are deposited directly into State escrow account and used to offset 'total' State share Medicaid funding.

NOTE: The Local Contribution is not tied to a specific claim or service category and instead is a capped amount based on 2015 county spending levels as stated above. Each deposit received is reviewed and compared to the amount each county is responsible to contribute to the Medicaid program to verify the county funds received are eligible for Medicaid expenses.

D. IGT Funding:

New York State requests the transfer of the IGT amounts from entities prior to the release of payments to the providers. The entities transferring IGT amounts are all units of government, and the n-onfederal share is derived from state or local tax revenue funded accounts only. The providers keep and retain Medicaid payments. Please note that entities have taxing authority, and the State does not provide appropriations to the entities for IGTs.

Provider	Entity Transferring IGT Funds	4/1/24-3/31/25 IGT Amount
Bellevue Hospital Center	New York City	\$14M
Coney Island Hospital	New York City	\$1M
City Hospital Center at Elmhurst	New York City	\$6M
Harlem Hospital Center	New York City	\$30M
Henry J Carter Spec Hospital	New York City	(\$8M)
Jacobi Medical Center	New York City	\$3M
Kings County Hospital Center	New York City	(\$32M)
Lincoln Medical & Mental Health Center	New York City	\$30M
Metropolitan Hospital Center	New York City	\$78M
North Central Bronx Hospital	New York City	(\$28M)
Queens Hospital Center	New York City	(\$4M)
Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center	New York City	\$65M
Erie County Medical Center	Erie County	\$118M
Lewis County General Hospital	Lewis County	\$9M
Nassau County Medical Center	Nassau County	\$76M

Westchester County Medical Center	Westchester County	\$362M
Wyoming County Community Hospital	Wyoming County	\$8M
NYC Health + Hospitals	New York City	\$210M
Total	·	\$938M

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: Please see list of supplemental payments below:

Payment Type	Private	State Government	Non-State Government	4/1/24-3/31/25 Gross Total
Indigent Care Pool/Voluntary UPL \$339M Guarantee	\$816M	\$7M	\$116M	\$939M
Indigent Care Pool Adjustment	\$0	\$134M	\$278M	\$412M
Disproportionate Share Program	\$0	\$877M	\$1.174B	\$2.051B
Vital Access Program	\$284M	\$0	\$0	\$28 4 M
State Public Inpatient UPL	\$0	(\$5M)	\$0	(\$5M)
Non-State Government Inpatient UPL	\$0	\$0	\$421M	\$421M
Total	\$1.100B	\$1.012B	\$1.989B	\$4.101B

The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment are not supplemental payments.

4. 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. Under regulations at 42 CFR 447.272, States are prohibited from setting payment rates for Medicaid inpatient services that exceed a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid under Medicare payment principals.

Response: The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) UPL calculation is cost-to-payment for private facilities (note: there are no state or non-state governmental PRTFs). The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment will be included in the 2024 PRTF UPL when it is revised and re-submitted to CMS.

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: Providers do not receive payments that in the aggregate exceed their reasonable costs of providing services. If any providers received payments that in the aggregate exceeded their reasonable costs of providing services, the State would recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

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.

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

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 complies 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.