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March 30, 2023

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 #23-0013
Inpatient Hospital Services

Dear Mr. McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #23-0013 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for inpatient hospital services to be effective February 1, 2023 (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.

Notice of the changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for general hospital inpatient services was given in the New York State Register on January 25, 2023 and February 15, 2023. 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,

[Redacted Signature]

Amir Bassiri
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

2. STATE

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX

XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY _____ \$ _____

b. FFY _____ \$ _____

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

15. RETURN TO

12. TYPED NAME

13. TITLE

14. DATE SUBMITTED March 30, 2023

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16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

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18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

Appendix I
2023 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

New York
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1905(a)(1) Inpatient Hospital Services

Hospitals (Continued):

Provider Name	Gross Medicaid Rate Adjustment	Rate Period Effective
Ellis Hospital	\$12,000,000	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$3,000,000	04/01/2023 – 06/30/2023
	\$3,000,000	07/01/2023 – 09/30/2023
	\$3,000,000	10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
	\$3,000,000	01/01/2024 – 03/31/2024
	\$12,000,000	04/01/2024 - 03/31/2025
Faxton- St. Luke's Healthcare	\$9,358,757	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
Health Alliance - Mary's Avenue Campus	\$9,000,000	03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023
	\$9,000,000	04/01/2023 - 03/31/2024
	\$9,000,000	04/01/2024 - 03/31/2025
Interfaith Medical Center	\$13,384,525	04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	\$2,600,000	03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$ 650,000	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$ 650,000	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$ 650,000	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$ 650,000	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
Kenmore Mercy Hospital	\$4,124,905	02/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
Long Island Jewish Medical Center	\$1,000,000	04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021
Maimonides Medical Center	\$4,387,492	03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$ 780,702	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$ 780,702	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$ 780,703	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$ 780,703	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$ 459,881	04/01/2023 – 06/30/2023
	\$ 459,881	07/01/2023 – 09/30/2023
	\$ 459,881	10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
	\$ 459,881	01/01/2024 – 03/31/2024

*Denotes this provider is a Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

TN #23-0013 Approval Date Supersedes TN #23-0017 Effective Date February 1, 2023

**New York
136(c.1)**

1905(a)(1) Inpatient Hospital Services**Hospitals (Continued):**

Provider Name	Gross Medicaid Rate Adjustment	Rate Period Effective
Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	\$1,800,000	08/19/2021 – 09/30/2021
	\$1,800,000	10/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
	\$1,800,000	01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$1,350,000	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$1,350,000	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$1,350,000	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$1,350,000	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$4,459,280	02/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center	\$533,333	08/19/2021 – 09/30/2021
	\$533,333	10/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
	\$533,334	01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$400,000	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$400,000	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$400,000	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$400,000	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
Oishei Children's Hospital	\$ 25,000,000	12/01/2022 - 03/31/23

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TN #23-0013

Approval Date

Supersedes TN #22-0095

Effective Date February 1, 2023

New York
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1905(a)(1) Inpatient Hospital Services

Hospitals (Continued):

Provider Name	Gross Medicaid Rate Adjustment	Rate Period Effective
Richmond University Medical Center	\$9,869,000	04/01/2019 – 03/31/2020
	\$9,711,500	04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021
St. Barnabas Hospital	\$12,000,000	04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021
	\$12,000,000	04/01/2021 – 03/31/2022
St. John's Episcopal-South Shore	\$1,022,650	03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$11,425,960	09/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$11,425,960	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$11,425,961	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$7,839,823	04/01/2023 – 06/30/2023
	\$7,839,823	07/01/2023 – 09/30/2023
	\$7,839,823	10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
	\$7,839,824	01/01/2024 – 03/31/2024
	\$6,075,164	04/01/2024 – 06/30/2024
	\$6,075,165	07/01/2024 – 09/30/2024
	\$6,075,165	10/01/2024 – 12/31/2024
\$6,075,165	01/01/2025 – 03/31/2025	
St. John's Riverside-St. John's Division	\$ 500,000	04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021
	\$1,500,000	04/01/2021 – 03/31/2022
	\$1,298,171	03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$1,467,957	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$1,467,957	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022
	\$1,467,957	10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
	\$1,467,958	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
<u>Sisters Of Charity Hospital</u>	<u>\$16,415,815</u>	<u>02/01/2023 – 03/31/2023</u>

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Appendix II
2023 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #23-0013

This State Plan Amendment proposes to assist hospitals by providing a temporary rate adjustment under the closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition, or restructuring of a health care provider.

Appendix III
2023 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

SPA 23-0013

Public Health

§ 2826. Temporary adjustment to reimbursement rates. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, within funds appropriated and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, the commissioner may grant approval of a temporary adjustment to the non-capital components of rates, or make temporary lump-sum Medicaid payments, to eligible general hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, clinics and home care providers, provided however, that should federal financial participation not be available for any eligible provider, then payments pursuant to this subdivision may be made as grants and shall not be deemed to be medical assistance payments.

(b) Eligible providers shall include:

(i) providers undergoing closure;

(ii) providers impacted by the closure of other health care providers;

(iii) providers subject to mergers, acquisitions, consolidations or restructuring; or

(iv) providers impacted by the merger, acquisition, consolidation or restructuring of other health care providers.

(c) Providers seeking temporary rate adjustments under this section shall demonstrate through submission of a written proposal to the commissioner that the additional resources provided by a temporary rate adjustment will achieve one or more of the following:

(i) protect or enhance access to care;

(ii) protect or enhance quality of care;

(iii) improve the cost effectiveness of the delivery of health care services; or

(iv) otherwise protect or enhance the health care delivery system, as determined by the commissioner.

(c-1) The commissioner, under applications submitted to the department pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section, shall consider criteria that includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Such applicant's financial condition as evidenced by operating margins, negative fund balance or negative equity position;

(ii) The extent to which such applicant fulfills or will fulfill an unmet health care need for acute inpatient, outpatient, primary or residential health care services in a community;

(iii) The extent to which such application will involve savings to the Medicaid program;

(iv) The quality of the application as evidenced by such application's long term solutions for such applicant to achieve sustainable health care services, improving the quality of patient care, and/or transforming the delivery of health care services to meet community needs;

(v) The extent to which such applicant is geographically isolated in relation to other providers; or

(vi) The extent to which such applicant provides services to an underserved area in relation to other providers.

(d) (i) Such written proposal shall be submitted to the commissioner at least sixty days prior to the requested effective date of the temporary rate adjustment, and shall include a proposed budget to achieve the goals of the proposal. Any Medicaid payment issued pursuant to this section shall be in effect for a specified period of time as determined by the commissioner, of up to three years. At the end of the specified timeframe such payments or adjustments to the non-capital component of rates shall cease, and the provider shall be reimbursed in accordance with the otherwise applicable rate-setting methodology as set forth in applicable statutes and regulations. The commissioner may establish, as a condition of receiving such temporary rate adjustments or grants, benchmarks and goals to be achieved in conformity with the provider's written proposal as approved by the commissioner and may also require that the facility submit such periodic reports concerning the achievement of such benchmarks and goals as the commissioner deems necessary. Failure to achieve satisfactory progress, as determined by the commissioner, in accomplishing such benchmarks and goals shall be a basis for ending the facility's temporary rate adjustment or grant prior to the end of the specified timeframe. (ii) The commissioner may require that applications submitted pursuant to this section be submitted in response to and in accordance with a Request For Applications or a Request For Proposals issued by the commissioner.

(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, general hospitals defined as critical access hospitals pursuant to title XVIII of the federal social security act shall be allocated no less than seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually pursuant to this section. The department of health shall provide a report to the governor and legislature no later than June first, two thousand fifteen providing recommendations on how to ensure the financial stability of, and preserve patient access to, critical access hospitals, including an examination of permanent Medicaid rate methodology changes.

(e-1) Thirty days prior to executing an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee with regards to the intent to distribute such funds. Such notice shall include, but not be limited to, information on the methodology used to distribute the funds, the facility specific allocations of the funds, any facility specific project descriptions or requirements for receiving such funds, the multi-year impacts of these allocations, and the availability of federal matching funds. The commissioner

shall provide quarterly reports to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee on the distribution and disbursement of such funds. Within sixty days of the effectiveness of this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide a written report to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee on all awards made pursuant to this section prior to the effectiveness of this subdivision, including all information that is required to be included in the notice requirements of this subdivision.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to federal financial participation, no less than ten million dollars shall be allocated to providers described in this subdivision; provided, however that if federal financial participation is unavailable for any eligible provider, or for any potential investment under this subdivision then the non-federal share of payments pursuant to this subdivision may be made as state grants.

(i) Providers serving rural areas as such term is defined in section two thousand nine hundred fifty-one of this chapter, including but not limited to hospitals, residential health care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, ambulatory surgery centers and clinics shall be eligible for enhanced payments or reimbursement under a supplemental rate methodology for the purpose of promoting access and improving the quality of care.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to federal financial participation, essential community providers, which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean a provider that offers health services within a defined and isolated geographic region where such services would otherwise be unavailable to the population of such region, shall be eligible for enhanced payments or reimbursement under a supplemental rate methodology for the purpose of promoting access and improving quality of care. Eligible providers under this paragraph may include, but are not limited to, hospitals, residential health care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, ambulatory surgery centers and clinics.

(iii) In making such payments the commissioner may contemplate the extent to which any such provider receives assistance under subdivision (a) of this section and may require such provider to submit a written proposal demonstrating that the need for monies under this subdivision exceeds monies otherwise distributed pursuant to this section.

(iv) Payments under this subdivision may include, but not be limited to, temporary rate adjustments, lump sum Medicaid payments, supplemental rate methodologies and any other payments as determined by the commissioner.

(v) Payments under this subdivision shall be subject to approval by the director of the budget.

(vi) The commissioner may promulgate regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision.

(vii) Thirty days prior to adopting or applying a methodology or procedure for making an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chairs of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, and the senate and assembly health committees with regard to the

intent to adopt or apply the methodology or procedure, including a detailed explanation of the methodology or procedure.

(viii) Thirty days prior to executing an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chairs of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, and the senate and assembly health committees with regard to the intent to distribute such funds. Such notice shall include, but not be limited to, information on the methodology used to distribute the funds, the facility specific allocations of the funds, any facility specific project descriptions or requirements for receiving such funds, the multi-year impacts of these allocations, and the availability of federal matching funds. The commissioner shall provide quarterly reports to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee on the distribution and disbursement of such funds.

(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this section, and within amounts appropriated for such purposes as described herein, for the period of April first, two thousand twenty-two through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, the commissioner may award a temporary adjustment to the non-capital components of rates, or make temporary lump-sum Medicaid payments to eligible facilities in severe financial distress to enable such facilities to maintain operations and vital services while such facilities establish long term solutions to achieve sustainable health services. Provided, however, the commissioner is authorized to make such a temporary adjustment or make such temporary lump sum payment only pursuant to criteria, an evaluation process, and transformation plan acceptable to the commissioner in consultation with the director of the division of the budget. The department shall publish on its website the criteria, evaluation process and guidance for transformation plans and notification of any award recipients.

(i) Eligible facilities shall include:

(A) a public hospital, which for purposes of this subdivision, shall mean a general hospital operated by a county or municipality, but shall exclude any such hospital operated by a public benefit corporation;

(B) a federally designated critical access hospital;

(C) a federally designated sole community hospital;

(D) a residential health care facility;

(E) a general hospital that is a safety net hospital, which for purpose of this subdivision shall mean:

(1) such hospital has at least thirty percent of its inpatient discharges made up of Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually eligible individuals and with at least thirty-five percent of its outpatient visits made up of Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually-eligible individuals; or

(2) such hospital serves at least thirty percent of the residents of a county or a multi-county area who are Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually-eligible individuals; or

(F) an independent practice association or accountable care organization authorized under applicable regulations that participate in managed care provider network arrangements with any of the provider types in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph.

(ii) Eligible applicants must demonstrate that without such award, they will be in severe financial distress through March thirty-first, two thousand sixteen, as evidenced by:

(A) certification that such applicant has less than fifteen days cash and equivalents;

(B) such applicant has no assets that can be monetized other than those vital to operations; and

(C) such applicant has exhausted all efforts to obtain resources from corporate parents and affiliated entities to sustain operations.

(iii) Awards under this subdivision shall be made upon application to the department.

(A) Applications under this subdivision shall include a multi-year transformation plan that is aligned with the delivery system reform incentive payment ("DSRIP") program goals and objectives. Such plan shall be approved by the department and shall demonstrate a path towards long term sustainability and improved patient care.

(B) The department may authorize initial award payments to eligible applicants based solely on the criteria pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subdivision.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the department may suspend or repeal an award if an eligible applicant fails to submit a multi-year transformation plan pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph that is acceptable to the department by no later than the thirtieth day of September two thousand fifteen.

(D) Applicants under this subdivision shall detail the extent to which the affected community has been engaged and consulted on potential projects of such application, as well as any outreach to stakeholders and health plans.

(E) The department shall review all applications under this subdivision, and determine:

(1) applicant eligibility;

(2) each applicant's projected financial status;

(3) each applicant's proposed use of funds to maintain critical services needed by its community; and

(4) the anticipated impact of the loss of such services.

(F) After review of all applications under this subdivision, and a determination of the aggregate amount of requested funds, the department shall make awards to eligible applicants; provided, however, that such awards may be in an amount lower than such requested funding, on a per applicant or aggregate basis.

(iv) Awards under this subdivision may not be used for:

(A) capital expenditures, including, but not limited to: construction, renovation and acquisition of capital equipment, including major medical equipment;

(B) consultant fees;

(C) retirement of long term debt; or

(D) bankruptcy-related costs.

(v) Payments made to awardees pursuant to this subdivision shall be made on a monthly basis. Such payments will be based on the applicant's actual monthly financial performance during such period and the reasonable cash amount necessary to sustain operations for the following month. The applicant's monthly financial performance shall be measured by such applicant's monthly financial and activity reports, which shall include, but not be limited to, actual revenue and expenses for the prior month, projected cash need for the current month, and projected cash need for the following month.

(vi) The department shall provide a report on a quarterly basis to the chairs of the senate finance, assembly ways and means, senate health and assembly health committees. Such reports shall be submitted no later than sixty days after the close of the quarter, and shall include for each award, the name of the applicant, the amount of the award, payments to date, and a description of the status of the multi-year transformation plan pursuant to paragraph (iii) of this subdivision.

Appendix IV
2023 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

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 8 ADHCP #9 3
 9 ADHCP#10 1
 10 ADHCP #11 1
 11 ADHCP #12 1
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 49 ADHCP #51 1

Number of Settings That Cannot Overcome the Presumption:
 None.

A List of Presumptively Institutional Due to Isolation (Prong Three Settings)

Please see the chart above which lists all prong three settings, of which there are 13 ADHCPs in this category.

Contact Information to Submit Public Comment

A draft of the Heightened Scrutiny evidence data packet(s) will be available for review at: https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/nursing/public_notice/heightened_scrutiny/

For individuals with limited online access and require special accommodation to access paper copies, please call (518) 408-1282.

Prior to finalizing the proposed Part 425 Adult Day Health Care Statutory Authority: Public Health Law, section 2803(2); Social Services Law, section 363-a (2) Heightened Scrutiny evidence packet(s), NYS DOH, Office of Aging and Long-Term Care, Bureau of Quality Assurance and Surveillance - ADHCP will consider all written and verbal comments received, amending determination(s) of compliance, and conducting further remediation activities as needed.

Please direct all questions to: ADHCP.HCBS@health.ny.gov

Written comments will be accepted by email at ADHCP.HCBS@health.ny.gov or by mail at: ADHCP, Bureau of Quality Assurance and Surveillance, Division of Nursing Homes and ICF/IID Surveillance, Department of Health, 875 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206, e-mail: ADHCP.HCBS@health.ny.gov

All comments must be postmarked or emailed by 30 days of the date of this notice.

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 services in accordance with § 41.35 of Mental Hygiene Law. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after February 1, 2023, the Department of Health will adjust the operating reimbursement rate for the specialized inpatient psychiatric units that provide treatment for adults with a diagnosis of both developmental disability and either serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this adjustment for State Fiscal Year 2023 is \$525,000 for the period February 1 to March 31, 2023.

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, email: 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 Institutional Services as authorized by § 2826 of New York Public Health Law. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after February 1, 2023, temporary rate adjustments have been approved for services related to providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. The temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for the following three Hospitals:

- Kenmore Mercy Hospital with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$4,124,905 for the period February 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

- Mercy Hospital of Buffalo with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$4,459,280 for the period February 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

- Sisters of Charity Hospital with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$16,415,815 for the period February 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget is \$25,000,000 in 2022/2023.

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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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, email: spa_inquiries@health.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of State
Notice of Review for the
Town of Amherst

Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

PURSUANT to Article 42 of the New York State Executive Law and 19 NYCRR Part 601, the New York State Department of State (DOS) has accepted a Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the Town of Amherst, located within Erie County and the Western NY Region. The LWRP is a comprehensive management program for the Town's waterfront resources along Tonawanda Creek, Erie Canal, and Ellicott Creek.

To approve the Town of Amherst LWRP, the Secretary of State must find that it is consistent with Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law and that it does not conflict with existing State programs and policies.

Since State agency actions must be consistent with an approved LWRP, Article 42 requires that the public and any potentially affected State and regional agencies be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed program. For this purpose, the Town of Amherst Draft LWRP is available online at: <https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices>

Comments on the Town of Amherst Draft LWRP should be submitted by March 25, 2023, to: Valeria Ivan, Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure via email at Valeria.Ivan@dos.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of State
F-2022-0710

Date of Issuance – January 18, 2023

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program.

In F-2022-0710, Bruce and Susan Anderson- Propose to construct a 4' x 40' fixed dock and 3' x 4' beach access stairs along the east and west sides of the dock. The dock would be constructed on piles with decking at 2.5' Mean High Water, using thru-flow decking. Project work landward includes reconstructing existing deck, construct a greenhouse and install generator and outdoor shower.

The proposal is for the applicant's property located at 2265 Long Creek Drive in the Town of Southold Suffolk County on Hashamomuck Pond/Long Creek.

The stated purpose of the proposed action is to provide water access to pond for homeowner.

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/12/f-2022-0710consistcert-anderson.pdf> or at <https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices>

The proposed activity would be located within or has the potential to affect the following Special Management or Regulated Area(s): Hashamomuck Pond-https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/hashamomuck_pond.pdf

Original copies of public information and data submitted by the applicant are available for inspection at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, or February 2, 2023.

Comments should be addressed to: Consistency Review Unit, Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000, Fax (518) 473-2464. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 930.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of State
F-2022-0830

Date of Issuance – January 25, 2023

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program.

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 Services as authorized by § 2826 of New York Public Health Law. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after March 1, 2023, temporary rate adjustments have been approved for services related to providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. The temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for the following Hospital:

- HealthAlliance - Mary's Avenue Campus with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$9,000,000 for the period March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023, \$9,000,000 for the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and \$9,000,000 for the period April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2022/2023 is \$9,000,000. Medicaid expenditures attributable to state fiscal year 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 are \$9,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively.

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 State

F-2022-0627

Date of Issuance – February 15, 2023

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with

and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program.

In F-2023-0627, John Morsch, is proposing to make repair/replace nine concrete piers located under an existing cottage and make the cottage level. In addition, a 12' x 32' deck supported by 6x6 footers would be placed on the southern side of the cottage. The proposal is for the applicant's property located at 8922 Crescent Beach in the Town of Huron, Wayne County. The property borders both Lake Ontario and Sodus Bay.

The stated purpose of the proposed action is to "Level cottage, address support piers, [and] install walkway for access."

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/f-2022-0627pn.pdf> or at <https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices>

Original copies of public information and data submitted by the applicant are available for inspection at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or March 17, 2023.

Comments should be addressed to: Consistency Review Unit, Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000, Fax (518) 473-2464. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 930.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State

F-2022-0956

Date of Issuance – February 15, 2023

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activities comply with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the federally approved New York State Coastal Management Program (NYSCMP). The applicant's consistency certification and accompanying public information and data are available for inspection at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

In F-2022-0956, Mark Saweris proposes to extend existing pier with a 4' x 10' section and install a 4-pile lift alongside existing floating dock at 2971 Shore Drive.

Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, Merrick Cove

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/f-2022-0956pn.pdf> or at <https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices>

The proposed activity would be located within or has the potential to affect the following Special Management or Regulated Area(s): None.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or March 17, 2023.

Comments should be addressed to: Department of State, Office of Planning and Development and Community Infrastructure, Consistency Review Unit, One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1010, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

Appendix V
2023 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #23-0013

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.

Payment Type (\$ in Millions)	Non-Federal Share Funding	4/1/22 – 3/31/23	
		Non-Federal	Gross
Hospital Inpatient Normal Per Diem	General Fund; Special Revenue Funds; County Contribution	\$2,199	\$4,398
Residential Treatment Facilities Normal Per Diem	General Fund; County Contribution	\$40	\$80
Hospital Inpatient Supplemental	General Fund	\$142	\$284
Indigent Care Pool	General Fund; Special Revenue Funds	\$342	\$685
Voluntary UPL	General Fund	\$184	\$367
Indigent Care Pool Adjustment	General Fund; IGT	\$206	\$412
Disproportionate Share Program	General Fund; IGT	\$1,377	\$2,754
State Public Inpatient UPL	General Fund	\$8	\$16
Non-State Government Inpatient UPL	IGT	\$254	\$507
Totals		\$4,752	\$9,503

- 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:

- 1) 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.
 - 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 percent 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	\$4.882B
Suffolk County	\$216M
Nassau County	\$213M
Westchester County	\$199M
Erie County	\$185M
Rest of State (53 Counties)	\$979M
Total	\$6.835B

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 nonfederal 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	4/1/22-3/31/23 IGT Amount
Bellevue Hospital Center	New York City	\$171M
Coney Island Hospital	New York City	\$9M
City Hospital Center at Elmhurst	New York City	\$17M
Harlem Hospital Center	New York City	\$91M
Henry J Carter Spec Hospital	New York City	(\$8M)
Jacobi Medical Center	New York City	\$106M
Kings County Hospital Center	New York City	\$136M
Lincoln Medical & Mental Health Center	New York City	\$88M
Metropolitan Hospital Center	New York City	\$67M
North Central Bronx Hospital	New York City	\$12M
Queens Hospital Center	New York City	\$18M
Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center	New York City	\$37M
Erie County Medical Center	Erie County	\$49M

Lewis County General Hospital	Lewis County	\$1M
Nassau County Medical Center	Nassau County	\$66M
Westchester County Medical Center	Westchester County	\$143M
Wyoming County Community Hospital	Wyoming County	\$1M
NYC Health + Hospitals	New York City	\$254M
Total		\$1.258B

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 (\$ in Millions)	Private	State Government	Non-State Government	4/1/22-3/31/23
Indigent Care Pool/Voluntary UPL \$339M Guarantee	\$912M	\$8M	\$133M	Gross Total
Indigent Care Pool/Voluntary UPL \$339M Guarantee	\$912	\$8	\$133	\$1,052
Indigent Care Pool Adjustment	\$0	\$86	\$326	\$412
Disproportionate Share Program	\$0	\$1,071	\$1,684	\$2,754
Vital Access Program	\$284	\$0	\$0	\$284
State Public Inpatient UPL	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$16
Non-State Government Inpatient UPL	\$0	\$0	\$507	\$507

The Medicaid payments authorized under this State Plan Amendment are supplemental payments and total \$34 million for State Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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 inpatient UPL demonstration utilizes cost-to-payment and payment-to-payment methodologies to estimate the upper payment limit for each class of providers.

The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment will be included in the 2023 inpatient 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.**

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 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.