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Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

June 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 #23-0068 Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #23-0068 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective April 1, 2023 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II.

The State of New York reimburses these services through the use of rates that are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area as required by § 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR § 447.204.

A copy of pertinent sections of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). Copies of the public notice of this plan amendment, which were given in the New York State Register on March 29, 2023, and clarified on July 12, 2023, are also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

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  TO: CENTER DIRECTOR     CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES     DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION § 1905(a)(2)(A),1905(a)(9),1905(a)(13)  7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  Att 4.19-B - Page 2(ao), 3(j.1a), 3(j.2), 3k(1a), 3k(2a), 3k(4), 3L-4, 3M, 3N, 8a, 9	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  2 3 — 0 0 6 8 N Y  3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI  4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  April 1, 2023  6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a FFY 04/01/23-09/30/23 \$ 6,234,761 b. FFY 10/01/23-09/30/24 \$ 17,070,513  8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  Att 4.19-B - Page 2(ao), 3(j.1a), 3(j.2), 3k(1a), 3k(2a), 3k (4), 3L-4, 3M, 3N, 8a, 9
SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT     OMH 4% Outpatient and Rehabilitation COLA and 25% rate increases.	se for MHOTRS school-based satellite visits
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:
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#### Appendix I 2023 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Amended SPA Pages

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42 C.F.R. § 440.20

Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) hospital outpatient services are reimbursed on a daily basis. A CPEP provider may receive reimbursement for one Triage and Referral visit or one Full Emergency visit service in one calendar day.

Effective July 1, 2022, April 1, 2023, statewide fees for Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program Services are available at the following Office of Mental Health website link:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/cpep.xlsx

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## Regional Continuing Day Treatment Rates for Freestanding Clinic (Non-State Operated)

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022 April 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/cdt-base-rate.xlsx

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## New York 3(j.2)

#### 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

#### **Continuing Day Treatment Services:**

#### **Reimbursement Methodology for Outpatient Hospital Services**

#### **Definitions:**

- **Group Collateral** A unit of service in which services are provided to collaterals of more than one individual at the same time. Group Collateral Visit will not include more than 12 individuals and collaterals. Reimbursement for group collateral visits of 30 minutes or more is provided for each individual for whom at least one collateral is present.
- Units of Service Half Day Minimum two hours
   Full Day Minimum four hours
   Collateral Visit minimum of 30 minutes
   Preadmission and Group Collateral Visits minimum of one hour
   Crisis Visit any duration

Cumulative hours are calculated on a monthly basis. A Half Day visit counts as two hours and a Full Day counts as four hours towards an individual's monthly cumulative hours. Time spent during a crisis, collateral, group collateral, or preadmission visit is excluded from the calculation of monthly cumulative hours. Time spent during a crisis, collateral, group collateral, or preadmission visit is also excluded from the minimum service hours necessary for Half Day and Full Day visits.

When the hours of any single visit include more than one rate because the individual surpassed the monthly utilization amount within a single visit, reimbursement is at the rate applicable to the first hour of such visit.

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of <u>July 1, 2022</u> <u>April 1, 2023</u>, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at: <a href="https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/cdt-base-rate.xlsx">https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/cdt-base-rate.xlsx</a>

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Regional Partial Hospitalization Rates for Freestanding Clinic and Outpatient Hospital Partial Hospitalization Services

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022 April 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/partial-hospitalization.xlsx

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#### **Day Treatment Services for Children:**

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of OMH Day Treatment Services for Children providers. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022, April 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/day-treatment.xlsx

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#### 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

## Regional Day Treatment for Children Rates for Outpatient Hospital Services (Non-State Operated)

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of OMH Day Treatment Services for Children providers. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022, April 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/day-treatment.xlsx

Reimbursement will include a per-visit payment for the cost of capital, which will be determined by dividing the provider's total allowable capital costs, as reported on the Institutional Cost Report (ICR) for its licensed Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services, Continuing Day Treatment and Day Treatment Services for children, by the sum of the total annual number of visits for all of such services. The per-visit capital payment will be updated annually and will be developed using the costs and visits based on an ICR that is 2-years prior to the rate year. The allowable capital, as reported on the ICR, will also be adjusted prior to the rate add-on development to exclude costs related to statutory exclusions as follows: (1) forty-four percent of the costs of major moveable equipment and (2) staff housing.

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#### 1905(a)(13) Rehabilitative Services

#### **Intensive Rehabilitation (IR):**

In addition to the monthly base rate (and reimbursement for Clinical Treatment, if applicable), PROS providers will receive an additional monthly add-on for providing at least one IR service to an individual who has received at least six units during the month.

In instances where a PROS provider provides IR services to an individual, but CRS services are provided by another PROS provider or no CRS services are provided in the month, the minimum six units required will be limited to the provision of IR services and only the IR add-on will be reimbursed.

The maximum number of IR add-on payments to a PROS provider will not exceed 50 percent of that provider's total number of monthly base rate claims reimbursed in the same calendar year.

#### Ongoing Rehabilitation and Support (ORS):

In addition to the monthly base rate (and reimbursement for Clinical Treatment, if applicable), PROS providers will receive an additional monthly add-on for providing ORS services. Reimbursement requires a minimum of two face-to-face contacts per month, which must occur on two separate days. A minimum contact is 30 continuous minutes in duration. The 30 continuous minutes may be split between the individual and the collateral. At least one visit per month must be with the individual only.

The ORS or IR add-on payment can be claimed independently or in addition to the base rate (and Clinical Treatment, if applicable). ORS and IR will not be reimbursed in the same month for the same individual.

#### **Pre-admission Screening Services:**

PROS providers will be reimbursed at a regional monthly case payment for an individual in pre-admission status. Reimbursement for an individual in pre-admission status is limited to the pre-admission rate. If the individual receives pre-admission screening services during the month of admission, the base rate is calculated using the entire month but no reimbursement is permitted to Clinical Treatment, IR or ORS.

Reimbursement for pre-admission screening services is limited to two consecutive months.

**PROS Rates of Payment:** PROS rates of payment are adjusted, effective July 1, 2021, for a one percent cost of living adjustment increase. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's fee schedule rate is adjusted as of April 1, 2022 2023, and such rate is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the OMH website at:

http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid reimbursement/excel/pros.xlsx

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#### New York 3M

#### 1905(a)(13) Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services

#### 13d. Rehabilitative Services

#### **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Reimbursement**

ACT services are reimbursed regional monthly fees per individual for ACT teams serving either 36, 48, or 68 individuals, as follows. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, monthly fees are the same for both governmental and non-governmental providers of ACT services. The agency's fee schedule rate is adjusted as of April 1, 2022 2023, and such rate is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at the following link:

https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/act.xlsx

Monthly fees are based on projected costs necessary to operate an ACT team of each size and are calculated by dividing allowable projected annual costs by 12 months and by team size. Such monthly fee is then adjusted by a factor to account for fluctuations in case load or when the provider cannot submit full or partial month claims because the minimum contact threshold cannot be met. No costs for room and board are included when calculating ACT reimbursement rates.

ACT services are reimbursed either the full or partial/stepdown fee based on the number of discrete contacts of at least 15 minutes in duration in which ACT services are provided during a month. Providers may not bill more than one monthly fee for the same individual in the same month.

ACT services are reimbursed the full fee for a minimum of six contacts per month, at least three of which must be face-to-face with the individual. ACT services are reimbursed the partial/stepdown fee for a minimum of two and fewer than six contacts per month, of which two must be face-to-face with the individual. ACT services are also reimbursed the partial/stepdown fee for a maximum of five months for a minimum of two contacts per month for individuals admitted to a general hospital for the entire month, however the full fee may be reimbursed in the month of the individual's admission or discharge if the provider meets the minimum of six contacts per month, of which up to two contacts may be provided while the individual was in the hospital. For purposes of this provision, an inpatient admission is considered continuous if the individual is readmitted within 10 days of discharge.

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#### 13d. Rehabilitative Services:

## 1905(a)(13) Other diagnostic, screening, preventative and rehabilitative services Outpatient and Residential Crisis Intervention Services 42 CFR 440.130(d)

Reimbursement for Outpatient and Residential Crisis Intervention Services as outlined in item 13.d of Attachments 3.1-A and B are paid based upon Medicaid rates established by the State of New York.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, the State-developed fees are the same for both governmental and private providers. Provider agency fees were set as of April 1, 2022, 2023, for Outpatient and Residential Crisis Intervention Services and are effective for these services provided on or after that date. Provider agency rates were set as of 3uly 1, 2022, April 1, 2023, for Mobile Crisis Intervention Services provided by Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs and are effective for these services provided on or after that date. All fees are published on the Office of Mental Health website.

Mobile Crisis Intervention Services are reimbursed regional fees determined by contact type, practitioner qualifications, and duration of services. Services are reimbursed in either 15 minutes unit increments or daily fees, published on the Office of Mental Health website at: <a href="https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/crisis\_mobile\_telephonic.xlsx">https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/crisis\_mobile\_telephonic.xlsx</a>

Mobile Crisis Intervention Services Provided by Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs: https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/cpep.xlsx

Crisis Residential Services are reimbursed regional daily fees per individual. Crisis residential services are limited to 28 days per admission, except services for recipients may be reimbursed beyond 28 days if medically necessary and approved by the state. Fees are published on the Office of Mental Health website at: https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/crisis\_residential.xlsx

Crisis Stabilization Services are reimbursed a regional daily brief or full fee per individual. Reimbursement is limited to one brief or full claim reimbursement per recipient per day. Fees are published on the Office of Mental Health website at:

https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid reimbursement/excel/crisis stabilization.xlsx

The reimbursement methodology is composed of provider cost modeling, consistent with New York State certified financial reporting and Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data. The following list outlines the major components of the provider cost model:

- Staffing assumptions and staff wages
- Employee-related expenses benefits, employer taxes (e.g., Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), unemployment, and workers compensation)
- Program-related expenses (e.g., supplies)
- Provider overhead expenses, and
- Program billable units.

Fees are developed as the ratio of total annual modeled provider costs to the estimated annual billable units.

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#### 1905(a)(13) Rehabilitative Services

## Rehabilitative Services (42 CFR 440.130(d)): OMH outpatient mental health services - Reimbursement Methodology continued

- **I. Definitions:** The list of definitions in the "Ambulatory Patient Group System freestanding clinic" section of this attachment will also apply to the methodology for OMH outpatient mental health services except as follows:
  - **After hours** means outside the time period 8:00 am 6:00 pm on weekdays or any time during weekends.

#### II. Quality Improvement (QI) Program

An enhanced APG peer group base rate is available for participating in the OMH quality improvement program. To become eligible for this enhancement, providers must complete a Memorandum of Agreement agreeing to the terms and conditions under which the enhanced APG peer group base rate will be paid, develop and submit a quality improvement plan that is subsequently approved by the OMH, identify the process or outcome indicators that will be monitored, and submit the QI finding and results to the OMH.

Providers that discontinue their involvement in the QI program will revert to the APG peer group base rate for their region that does not include the enhancement.

#### III. Minimum Wage Increases

The minimum wage methodology described in the "Minimum Wage Rate Increases for Non-State-operated Freestanding OMH-Licensed Mental Health Clinics" section of this attachment will also apply to the minimum wage methodology for OMH outpatient community-based mental health rehabilitative services.

**IV. Reimbursement Rates:** Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2022, 2023, the state sets APG peer group base rates for all OMH outpatient mental health services providers, including base rates for providing providers participating in the OMH Quality Improvement program. Also, effective April 1, 2023, APG peer group base rates for services provided in OMH-approved school-based satellites will be increased by 25 percent. Base rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omb.nv.gov/ombweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/apg-peer-

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\_reimbursement/excel/apg-peer-group-base-rate.xlsx

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#### 1905(a)(13) Rehabilitative Services

Rehabilitative Services (42 CFR 440.130(d)):

**OMH outpatient mental health services reimbursement methodology continued** 

#### **Behavioral Health Utilization Controls**

Utilization thresholds for outpatient mental health services providers are established by the Office of Mental Health. These thresholds target unusually high utilization with payment reductions and are established by the licensing state agency as follows:

- 1. For persons 21 years of age or older at the start of the state fiscal year, payment for the 31st through 50th visits in a state fiscal year by one or more providers operated by the same agency will be subject to a 25% reduction in the otherwise applicable payment amount.
- For persons 21 years of age or older at the start of the state fiscal year, payment for visits in excess of 50 in a state fiscal year by one or more providers operated by the same agency will be subject to a 50% reduction in the otherwise applicable payment amount.
- For persons less than 21 years of age at the start of the state fiscal year, payment for
  visits in excess of 50 in that state fiscal year by one or more providers operated by the
  same agency will be subject to a 50% reduction in the otherwise applicable payment
  amount.
- 4. Off-site visits, medical visits, and crisis visits, peer support visits and school-based satellite visits, when billed under their applicable rate codes, will be disregarded in computing the number of visits pursuant to the preceding paragraphs.

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#### Appendix II 2023 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Summary

## **SUMMARY SPA** #23-0068

This State Plan Amendment proposes to implement a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment to the reimbursement fees for NYS Office of Mental Health Outpatient and Rehabilitative programs, effective April 1, 2023. This State Plan Amendment also proposes to increase APG peer group base rates for services provided in Office of Mental Health-approved school-based satellites by 25%, effective April 1, 2023.

#### Appendix III 2023 Title XIX State Plan Second Quarter Amendment Authorizing Provisions

#### **Authorizing Provisions (23-0068)**

#### Part DD of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2023

2 PART DD

3	Section 1. 1. Subject to available appropriations and approval of the
4 c	director of the budget, the commissioners of the office of mental
5 h	nealth, office for people with developmental disabilities, office of
6 a	addiction services and supports, office of temporary and disability
7 a	assistance, office of children and family services, and the state office
8 f	or the aging shall establish a state fiscal year 2023-24 cost of living
9 a	djustment (COLA), effective April 1, 2023, for projecting for the
10	effects of inflation upon rates of payments, contracts, or any other
11	form of reimbursement for the programs and services listed in paragraphs
12	(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of subdivision four of this
13	section. The COLA established herein shall be applied to the appropri-
14	ate portion of reimbursable costs or contract amounts. Where appropri-
15	ate, transfers to the department of health (DOH) shall be made as
16	reimbursement for the state share of medical assistance.
17	2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, subject to the
18	approval of the director of the budget and available appropriations
19	therefore, for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, the
20	commissioners shall provide funding to support a four percent (4.0%)
21	cost of living adjustment under this section for all eligible programs
22	and services as determined pursuant to subdivision four of this section.
23	3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, and as approved
24	by the director of the budget, the 4.0 percent cost of living adjustment
25	(COLA) established herein shall be inclusive of all other cost of living
26	type increases, inflation factors, or trend factors that are newly

- 27 applied effective April 1, 2023. Except for the 4.0 percent cost of
- 28 living adjustment (COLA) established herein, for the period commencing
- 29 on April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 the commissioners shall not
- 30 apply any other new cost of living adjustments for the purpose of estab-
- 31 lishing rates of payments, contracts or any other form of reimbursement.
- 32 The phrase "all other cost of living type increases, inflation factors,
- 33 or trend factors" as defined in this subdivision shall not include
- 34 payments made pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act or other federal
- 35 relief programs related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- 36 pandemic Public Health Emergency. This subdivision shall not prevent
- 37 the office of children and family services from applying additional
- 38 trend factors or staff retention factors to eligible programs and
- 39 services under paragraph (v) of subdivision four of this section.
- 40 4. Eligible programs and services. (i) Programs and services funded,
- 41 licensed, or certified by the office of mental health (OMH) eligible for
- 42 the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal
- 43 approval where applicable, include: office of mental health licensed
- 44 outpatient programs, pursuant to parts 587 and 599 of title 14 CRR-NY of
- 45 the office of mental health regulations including clinic, continuing day
- 46 treatment, day treatment, intensive outpatient programs and partial
- 47 hospitalization; outreach; crisis residence; crisis stabilization,
- 48 crisis/respite beds; mobile crisis, part 590 comprehensive psychiatric
- 49 emergency program services; crisis intervention; home based crisis
- 50 intervention; family care; supported single room occupancy; supported
- 51 housing; supported housing community services; treatment congregate;
- 52 supported congregate; community residence children and youth;
- 53 treatment/apartment; supported apartment; community residence single

- 1 room occupancy; on-site rehabilitation; employment programs; recreation;
- 2 respite care; transportation; psychosocial club; assertive community
- 3 treatment; case management; care coordination, including health home
- 4 plus services; local government unit administration; monitoring and
- 5 evaluation; children and youth vocational services; single point of
- 6 access; school-based mental health program; family support children and
- 7 youth; advocacy/support services; drop in centers; recovery centers;
- 8 transition management services; bridger; home and community based waiver
- 9 services; behavioral health waiver services authorized pursuant to the
- 10 section 1115 MRT waiver; self-help programs; consumer service dollars;
- 11 conference of local mental hygiene directors; multicultural initiative;
- 12 ongoing integrated supported employment services; supported education;
- 13 mentally ill/chemical abuse (MICA) network; personalized recovery
- 14 oriented services; children and family treatment and support services;
- 15 residential treatment facilities operating pursuant to part 584 of title
- 16 14-NYCRR; geriatric demonstration programs; community-based mental
- 17 health family treatment and support; coordinated children's service
- 18 initiative; homeless services; and promises zone.
- 19 (ii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the
- 20 office for people with developmental disabilities (OPWDD) eligible for
- 21 the cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal
- 22 approval where applicable, include: local/unified services; chapter 620
- 23 services; voluntary operated community residential services; article 16
- 24 clinics; day treatment services; family support services; 100% day
- 25 training; epilepsy services; traumatic brain injury services; hepatitis
- 26 B services; independent practitioner services for individuals with
- 27 intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; crisis services for
- 28 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; family
- 29 care residential habilitation; supervised residential habilitation;

- 30 supportive residential habilitation; respite; day habilitation; prevoca-
- 31 tional services; supported employment; community habilitation; interme-
- 32 diate care facility day and residential services; specialty hospital;
- 33 pathways to employment; intensive behavioral services; basic home and
- 34 community based services (HCBS) plan support; health home services
- 35 provided by care coordination organizations; community transition
- 36 services; family education and training; fiscal intermediary; support
- 37 broker; and personal resource accounts.
- 38 (iii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the
- 39 office of addiction services and supports (OASAS) eligible for the cost
- 40 of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where
- 41 applicable, include: medically supervised withdrawal services residen-
- 42 tial; medically supervised withdrawal services outpatient; medically
- 43 managed detoxification; medically monitored withdrawal; inpatient reha-
- 44 bilitation services; outpatient opioid treatment; residential opioid
- 45 treatment; KEEP units outpatient; residential opioid treatment to absti-
- 46 nence; problem gambling treatment; medically supervised outpatient;
- 47 outpatient rehabilitation; specialized services substance abuse
- 48 programs; home and community based waiver services pursuant to subdivi-
- 49 sion 9 of section 366 of the social services law; children and family
- 50 treatment and support services; continuum of care rental assistance case
- 51 management; NY/NY III post-treatment housing; NY/NY III housing for
- 52 persons at risk for homelessness; permanent supported housing; youth
- 53 clubhouse; recovery community centers; recovery community organizing
- 54 initiative; residential rehabilitation services for youth (RRSY); inten-
- 55 sive residential; community residential; supportive living; residential
- 56 services; job placement initiative; case management; family support

- 1 navigator; local government unit administration; peer engagement; voca-
- 2 tional rehabilitation; support services; HIV early intervention
- 3 services; dual diagnosis coordinator; problem gambling resource centers;
- 4 problem gambling prevention; prevention resource centers; primary
- 5 prevention services; other prevention services; and community services.
- 6 (iv) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the
- 7 office of temporary and disability assistance (OTDA) eligible for the
- 8 cost of living adjustment established herein, pending federal approval
- 9 where applicable, include: nutrition outreach and education program
- 10 (NOEP).
- 11 (v) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office
- 12 of children and family services (OCFS) eligible for the cost of living
- 13 adjustment established herein, pending federal approval where applica-
- 14 ble, include: programs for which the office of children and family
- 15 services establishes maximum state aid rates pursuant to section 398-a
- 16 of the social services law and section 4003 of the education law; emer-
- 17 gency foster homes; foster family boarding homes and therapeutic foster
- 18 homes; supervised settings as defined by subdivision twenty-two of
- 19 section 371 of the social services law; adoptive parents receiving
- 20 adoption subsidy pursuant to section 453 of the social services law; and
- 21 congregate and scattered supportive housing programs and supportive
- 22 services provided under the NY/NY III supportive housing agreement to
- 23 young adults leaving or having recently left foster care.
- 24 (vi) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the state
- 25 office for the aging (SOFA) eligible for the cost of living adjustment
- 26 established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include:
- 27 community services for the elderly; expanded in-home services for the
- 28 elderly; and supplemental nutrition assistance program.
- 29 5. Each local government unit or direct contract provider receiving

- 30 funding for the cost of living adjustment established herein shall
- 31 submit a written certification, in such form and at such time as each
- 32 commissioner shall prescribe, attesting how such funding will be or was
- 33 used to first promote the recruitment and retention of non-executive
- 34 direct care staff, non-executive direct support professionals, non-exe-
- 35 cutive clinical staff, or respond to other critical non-personal service
- 36 costs prior to supporting any salary increases or other compensation for
- 37 executive level job titles.
- 38 6. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary,
- 39 agency commissioners shall be authorized to recoup funding from a local
- 40 governmental unit or direct contract provider for the cost of living
- 41 adjustment established herein determined to have been used in a manner
- 42 inconsistent with the appropriation, or any other provision of this
- 43 section. Such agency commissioners shall be authorized to employ any
- 44 legal mechanism to recoup such funds, including an offset of other funds
- 45 that are owed to such local governmental unit or direct contract provid-
- 46 er.
- 47 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
- 48 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2023.

New York State Mental Hygiene Laws §7.15

(a) The commissioner shall plan, promote, establish, develop, coordinate, evaluate, and conduct programs and services of prevention, diagnosis, examination, care, treatment, rehabilitation, training, and research for the benefit of the mentally ill. Such programs shall include but not be limited to inpatient, out-patient, partial hospitalization, day care, emergency, rehabilitative, and other appropriate treatments and services. He or she shall take all actions that are necessary, desirable, or proper to implement the purposes of this chapter and to carry out the purposes and objectives of the department within the amounts made available therefor by appropriation, grant, gift, devise, bequest, or allocation from the mental health services fund established under section ninety-seven-f of the state finance law.

(b) The activities described in subdivision (a) of this section may be undertaken in cooperation and agreement with other offices of the department and with other departments or agencies of the state, local or federal government, or with other organizations and individuals.

New York State Mental Hygiene Laws §43.02

- (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, payment made by government agencies pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law for services provided by any facility licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services, as defined in section 1.03 of this chapter, shall be at rates or fees certified by the commissioner of the respective office and approved by the director of the division of the budget, provided, however, the commissioner of mental health shall annually certify such rates or fees which may vary for distinct geographical areas of the state and, provided, further, that rates or fees for service for inpatient psychiatric services or inpatient chemical dependence services, at hospitals otherwise licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law shall be established in accordance with section two thousand eight hundred seven of the public health law and, provided, further, that rates or fees for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities, shall be certified by the commissioner of health; provided, however, that such methodologies shall be subject to approval by the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.
- (b) Operators of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter, licensed by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services shall provide to the commissioner of the respective office such financial, statistical and program information as the commissioner may determine to be necessary. The commissioner of the appropriate office shall have the power to conduct on-site audits of books and records of such facilities.
- (c) The commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities and the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, provisions relating to:
- (i) the establishment of a uniform statewide system of reports and audits relating to the quality of care provided, facility utilization and costs of providing services; such a uniform statewide system may provide for appropriate variation in the application of the system to different classes or subclasses of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or licensed or operated by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter, or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services; and

(ii) methodologies used in the establishment of the schedules of rates or fees pursuant to this section provided, however, that the commissioner of health shall adopt rules and regulations including methodologies developed by him or her for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities; provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.

#### **SECTION 43.01**

Fees and rates for department services

Mental Hygiene (MHY) CHAPTER 27, TITLE E, ARTICLE 43

§ 43.01 Fees and rates for department services.

- (a) The department shall charge fees for its services to patients and residents, provided, however, that no person shall be denied services because of inability or failure to pay a fee.
- (b) The commissioner may establish, at least annually, schedules of rates for inpatient services that reflect the costs of services, care, treatment, maintenance, overhead, and administration which assure maximum recovery of such costs.

In addition, the commissioner may establish, at least annually, schedules of fees for noninpatient services which need not reflect the costs of services, care, treatment, maintenance, overhead, and administration.

(c) The executive budget, as recommended, shall reflect, by individual facility, the costs of services, care, treatment, maintenance, overhead, and administration.

(d) All schedules of fees and rates which are established by the commissioner, shall be subject to the approval of the director of the division of the budget. Immediately upon their approval, copies of all schedules of fees and rates established pursuant to this section shall be forwarded to the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee and the chairman of the senate finance committee.

#### Appendix IV 2023 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 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 statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

All Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, the Department of Health will adjust rates statewide to reflect a 2.5% 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, 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, Health Home Services Provided by Care Coordination Organizations, 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 2023-2024 is \$53.6 million.

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on and after April 1, 2023, the New York State Department of Health proposes to amend the State Plan to allow for reimbursement of Medicaid covered services provided by pharmacists within their lawful scope of practice, including pharmacist prescribing oral contraceptives and smoking cessation products.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$1.6 million. In the out years the net aggregate in gross Medicaid expenditure for smoking cessation products will be a savings.

Effective on or after April 1, 2024, this proposal would eliminate Prescriber Prevails which applies to the Medicaid fee-for-service pharmacy program. Doing so would reduce inappropriate prescribing, remove barriers that limit the State's ability to manage pharmacy programs, and minimize the inappropriate influence of pharmaceutical manufacturers in the prior authorization process.

The estimated net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is (\$99 million).

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, the Department will remove copayments for over the counter (OTC) products and limit OTC products to those that are medically necessary. Clinically critical products such as aspirin and vitamins and minerals used for deficiencies will continue to be covered, as will less expensive OTC products that are in Preferred Drug Program (PDP) drug classes.

The estimated net aggregate decrease in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is (\$17.4 million).

Effective on and after April 1, 2023, the New York State Department of Health proposes to amend the State Plan to modify the specific drug class language for excluded drugs, to alternatively use current publicly available Department resources for coverage transparency.

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

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, this proposal continues the supplemental upper payment limit payments made to general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals under non-institutional services of \$339 million annually.

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

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, this proposal continues hospital outpatient payment adjustments that increase the operating cost components of rates of payment for hospital outpatient and emergency departments on and after April 1, 2011, for public general hospitals other than those operated by the State of New York or the State University of New York, which are located in a city with a population of over one million. The amount to be paid will be up to \$287 million annually based on criteria and methodology set by the Commissioner of Health, which the Commissioner may periodically set through a memorandum of understanding with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Such adjustments shall be paid by means of one or more estimated payments. Payments may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

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

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, this proposal continues payment of up to \$5.4 million in additional annual Medicaid payments to county operated free-standing clinics, not including facilities operated by the New York City Health

and Hospitals Corporation, for services provided by such DTC and those provided by a county operated freestanding mental health or substance abuse DTC. Distributions shall be based on each eligible facility's proportionate share of the sum of all DTC and clinic visits for all eligible facilities receiving payments for the base year two years prior to the rate year. The proportionate share payments may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments to eligible facilities.

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

Effective April 1, 2023, and each state fiscal year thereafter, this amendment proposes to revise the calculation to extract data later on in the calendar year for the applicable dates of service. The current authority to make supplemental payments for services provided by physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants will continue.

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

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, the Department of Health will adjust rates for Assisted Living Program (ALP) providers by a 5% across the board increase to the most recently active Operating rate in effect on March 31, 2023, for each provider.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$18 million.

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, the Department of Health will adjust rates for Adult Day Health Care providers by a 5% across the board increase to the most recently active Operating rate in effect on March 31, 2023, for each provider.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$838,000.

Effective on and after April 1, 2023, this notice provides for a temporary rate adjustment with an aggregate payment totaling no less than \$7.5 million annually for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), for the periods April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Funding will be allocated to financially distressed hospitals with plans to reconfigure operations by improving financial management, improving quality of care and service delivery and/or improving operational efficiency and cost effectiveness.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$7.5 million and contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$7.5 million.

Effective on and after April 1, 2023, this notice provides for a temporary rate adjustment with an aggregate payment amount totaling no less than \$10 million annually, for Essential Community Providers (ECPs) for the periods April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Funding will be allocated to financially distressed hospitals with plans to reconfigure operations by improving financial management, improving quality of care and service delivery and/or improving operational efficiency and cost effectiveness.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$10 million and contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2024-2025 \$10 million.

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, this notice proposes to establish Medical Assistance coverage and rates of payment for rehabilitative services for individuals residing in OMH-licensed residential settings who have been diagnosed with an eating disorder, in order to provide appropriate care and treatment to adults and children with eating disorders.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$4 million.

Effective on or after May 1, 2023, the NYS Medicaid Program proposes to reimburse enrolled ambulance services for administration of vaccinations performed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) / Paramedics employed by the ambulance service. This proposal is

intended to ensure ongoing access to vaccinations after the end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-24 is \$35,000.

Effective March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, the Medicaid program assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines, COVID-19 treatment, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and COVID-19 testing consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

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

Effective December 1, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, the Medicaid program proposes to reimburse providers for medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under 21 at a fee of \$25.00 per session.

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

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, the Department of Health will adjust rates statewide to reflect up to a twenty-five percent rate increase for all services provided by School-based Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Service (SBMH MHOTRS) programs licensed by the Office of Mental Health.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$9.2 million.

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, Medicaid will increase the APG Base Rates by ten percent for School Based Health Centers (SBHC).

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$2.8 million.

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, a Supplemental Payment Program will be established to reimburse eligible Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Diagnostic and Treatment Centers (DTCs) for potential loss of funding associated with the 340B Drug Pricing Program due to State policy change. Additionally, this Amendment clarifies the reimbursement methodology for the Supplemental Payment Wrap Program for FQHCs and RHCs which provides supplemental payments that are equal to 100% of the difference between the facility's reasonable cost per visit rate and the amount per visit reimbursed by the Medicaid managed care health plan.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$250 million.

Institutional Services

Effective on or after April 1, 2023, this proposal continues the supplemental upper payment limit payments made to general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals under institutional services of \$339 million annually.

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

For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, this proposal continues adjustments for hospital inpatient services provided on and after April 1, 2012, to public general hospitals, other than those operated by the State of New York or the State University of New York, located in a city with a population of over one million and receiving reimbursement of up to \$1.08 billion annually based on criteria and methodology set by the Commissioner of Health, which the Commissioner may periodically set through a memorandum of understanding with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Such adjustments will be paid by means of one or more estimated payments. Payments to eligible public general hospitals may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

#### 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 to comply with statutory provisions. The following clarifications are proposed:

#### All Services

The following is a clarification to the March 29, 2023, noticed provision to adjust rates statewide to reflect a 2.5% 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, 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, Health Home Services Provided by Care Coordination Organizations, Independent Practitioner Services for Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD), and OPWDD Crisis Services. With clarification, the Cost of Living Adjustment will be four percent (4%) and includes the following services:

OMH Outpatient Services, OMH Inpatient Services, OMH Clinic Services, OMH
Rehabilitative Services, 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, Health Home Services Provided by Care Coordination Organizations,
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 2023-2024 is \$89.8 million.

#### Institutional Services and Non-Institutional

The following is a clarification to the March 29, 2023, noticed provision to adjust inpatient rates for hospital providers, certified under Article 28 of the Public Health Law, by an additional five percent (5%) across the board increase to the operating portion of the rates. **With clarification**, the across the board increase to the operating portion of the rates will now be seven and one-half percent (7.5%) and includes a non-institutional additional six and one-half percent (6.5%) across the board increase to the operating portion of outpatient rates for hospital providers, for services certified under Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$244.4 million.

#### Non-Institutional

The following is a clarification to the March 29, 2023, noticed provision for the Assisted Living Program (ALP) and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) which stated the Department of Health will adjust rates for these providers by a five percent (5%) across the board increase to the most recently active Operating rate in effect on 3/31/23. **With clarification**, the Department of Health will provide a seven and one-half percent (7.5%) across the board increase for Adult Day Health Care rates (ADHC) and a six and one-half percent (6.5%) across the board increase for Assisted Living Program rates (ALP), to the most recently active operating rate in effect on 3/31/23, for each provider.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$24.7 million.

#### **Long Term Care Services**

The following is a clarification to the March 29, 2023, noticed provision to adjust rates for Nursing Home (NH) providers by a five percent (5%) across the board increase to the most recently active Operating rate in effect on March 31, 2023, for each provider.

With clarification, the across the board increase to the most recently active operating base rates will now be seven and one-half percent (7.5%).

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$403 million.

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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 <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status">http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state\_plans/status</a>. 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:

New York State Department of Health Division of Finance and Rate Setting 99 Washington Ave One Commerce Plaza Suite 1432 Albany, New York 12210 spa\_inquiries@health.ny.gov

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

### NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES State Plan Amendment #23-0068

#### **CMS Standard Funding Questions**

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers reimbursed pursuant to a methodology described in Attachment 4.19-B of the state plan.

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.

		4/1/21 – 3/31/22	
Payment Type	Non-Federal Share Funding	Non-Federal	Gross
Various	General Fund; County Contribution	\$318.0M	\$635.9M

- 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. 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	\$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.

3. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan. If supplemental or enhanced payments are made, please provide the total amount for each type of supplemental or enhanced payment made to each provider type.

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

4. For clinic or outpatient hospital services please provide a detailed description of the methodology used by the state to estimate the upper payment limit (UPL) for each class of providers (state owned or operated, non-state government owned or operated, and privately owned or operated). Please provide a current (i.e., applicable to the current rate year) UPL demonstration. 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 clinic UPL demonstration utilizes cost-to-payment methodology 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 clinic UPL when it is 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. <u>Maintenance of Effort (MOE)</u>. Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving <u>any</u> Federal payments under the Medicaid program <u>during the MOE period</u> indicated below, the State shall <u>not</u> 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.

**Response:** This SPA would [ ] / would not [ $\checkmark$ ] 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.