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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #:19-0013

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Financial Management Group

December 4, 2019

Lynnette R. Rhodes, Esq.
Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans
Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree St., 36th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159

RE: Georgia State Plan Amendment 19-0013

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number 19-0012. This amendment proposes to increase the reimbursement for ventilator dependent nursing facility residents. Specifically this amendment proposes to increase the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident by 3% to \$540.55.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We have found that the proposed reimbursement methodology complies with applicable requirements and therefore have approved them with an effective date of July 1, 2019. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Anna Dubois at (850) 878-0916.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kristin Fan
Director

cc:
Anna Dubois
Dan Yablochnikov

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 19-0013	2. STATE Georgia
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2019	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate Transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 C.F.R. § 447.205	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2019 \$56,666 b. FFY 2020 \$225,590
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement 1 to Attachment 4.1 9 -D, Page 1	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Supplement 1 to Attachment 4.19-D, Page 1

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

This State Plan Amendment will increase nursing home mechanized ventilator per diem rates by 3% effective July 1, 2019.

11. 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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /s/	16. RETURN TO: Georgia Department of Community Health Division of Medical Assistance Plans 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159
13. TYPED NAME: LYNNETTE R. RHODES, ESQ.	
14. TITLE: Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plan	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 09/29/19	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 09/30/19	18. DATE APPROVED: 12/04/19
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 07/01/19	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan	22. TITLE: Director, FMG

23. REMARKS:

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-
NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

NURSING FACILITY RATE DETERMINATIONS FOR VENTILATOR DEPENDENT
RESIDENTS

- (1) Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2019, the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident will be \$540.55.
- (2) The per diem costs of providing services to the ventilator dependent residents shall be maintained separately (as a distinct part) of each facility's annual cost report beginning November 13, 2009.
- (3) Ventilator dependent per diem rates will cover all skilled nursing care services and will be all-inclusive.
- (4) No additional amount above the current nursing facility daily rate shall be allowed until the service is prior authorized by the Department's Medical Management Contractor.
- (5) The resident's clinical condition shall be reviewed every 90 days to determine if the resident's medical condition continues to warrant services at the ventilator dependent nursing facility rate. Prior authorization through the Department's Medical Management Contractor spans a 90-day maximum time period. The nursing facility is required to resubmit requests for continued stay prior to expiration of the current PA. If a resident no longer requires the use of a ventilator, the provider shall not receive additional reimbursement beyond the Georgia Medicaid nursing home per diem rate determined for the facility.