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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 14-0025**

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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

January 12, 2017

Mr. Dave Richard  
Deputy Secretary  
Division of Medical Assistance  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
2501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2501

Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC 14-0025

Dear Mr. Richard:

We reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 14-0025 (Ambulatory Surgical Center) that was submitted to CMS on September 30, 2014. This amendment originally proposed implementing a 1 percent rate reduction and rate freeze for subsequent years. After intensive collaboration with CMS, the State removed the 1 percent rate reduction and revised the SPA pages to clarify that this program will be reimbursed via the North Carolina Medicaid fee schedule in effect at a given point in time.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 14-0025. This SPA was approved on January 12, 2017. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2015. We are enclosing the signed paper-based HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Michelle White at (404) 562-7328, or Donald Graves at 919-828-2999.

Sincerely,

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Jackie Glaze  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>  <b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-025	2. STATE NC
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
<b>TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2015	

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 CFR 447.201	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  a. FFY 2015 (\$42,149) b. FFY 2016 (\$56,199)
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, Pages 1d and Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, Pages 1d	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ):  Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, Pages 1d

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Ambulatory Surgical Centers

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

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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: //s//	16. RETURN TO:  Office of the Secretary Department of Health and Human Services 2001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-20014
13. TYPED NAME: Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.	
14. TITLE: Secretary	
15. DATE SUBMITTED:	

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED:09/30/14	18. DATE APPROVED:01/12/17
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 01/01/15	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: //s//
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns

23. REMARKS: Approved with the following changes to block # 7, 8 and 9.

Block # 7 changed to read: 7a FFY 15 \$0 and 7b FFY 16 \$0.

Block # 8 changed to read: attachment 4.19-B Section 9 page 2; Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, page 1d.

Block # 9 changed to read: attachment 4.19-B Section 9 page 2; Attachment 4.19-B Supplement 2, page 1d.

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act  
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- c. Rates for new services provided by licensed Ambulatory Surgical Centers are reimbursed at ninety-five percent of the Medicare Ambulatory Surgical Centers fee schedule in effect on January of each year.

Additional ancillary services, such as laboratory, x-ray and general anesthesia services, are reimbursed at the comparable fees paid to other providers.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of licensed Ambulatory Surgical Centers and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedules are published on the NC Division of Medical Assistance Web site <http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedules>. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2012 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.

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Payment for Ambulatory Surgical Centers:

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Approval Date: 01-12-17

Eff. Date: 01/01/2015