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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS
DMCHO: ZYM: SPA-NY-17-0008-Approval Letter

May 17, 2018

Donna Frescatore
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Office of Health Insurance Programs
NYS Department of Health
Corning Tower (OCP-1211)
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RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # NY 17-0008

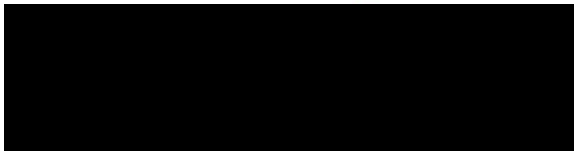
Dear Ms. Frescatore:

We have reviewed the proposed New York State Plan Amendment 17-0008, which was submitted to the New York Regional Office on November 18, 2016. This SPA was submitted based on enacted legislation to list a payment increase to minimum wages for Assisted Living Programs (ALPS) program sufficient enough to enlist enough providers for care.


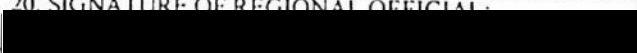
Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment 17-0008 was approved on May 17, 2018. The approved effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2017. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 inclusive of the pen and ink changes provided by New York on May 15, 2018 with the official request for additional information response and the approved plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Yvette Moore at (646) 694-0915 or Yvette.Moore@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael Melendez, LMSW
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-0008	2. STATE New York
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2017	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: §1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: (in thousands) a. FFY 01/01/17 - 09/30/17 \$ 809.74 b. FFY 10/01/17 - 09/30/18 \$ 2,109.40	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19B: 4(c)(1.1), 4(c)(1.2)		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Minimum Wage-Assisted Living Program (ALPS) (FMAP = 50%)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Division of Finance & Rate Setting 99 Washington Ave - One Commerce Plaza Suite 1432 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jash A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: NOV 18 2016			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 17, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JANUARY 01, 2017		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: MICHAEL MELENDEZ		22. TITLE: Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations	
23. REMARKS:			

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Assisted Living Programs

Beginning January 1, 2017, and every January 1 thereafter until the minimum wage reaches the state statutorily described per hour wage as shown below, the Department will recognize cost increases experienced by ALP providers in accordance with established ALP rate setting methodology. This minimum wage methodology will include an examination of the regional nursing home impact and apply a fifty percent factor. The minimum wage rates as approved are as follows:

	<u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
<u>New York City</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Nassau, Suffolk & Westchester</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Remainder of State</u>	<u>\$9.70</u>	<u>\$10.40</u>	<u>\$11.10</u>	<u>\$11.80</u>	<u>\$12.50</u>	<u>\$12.50</u>

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Assisted Living Programs. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2017, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Rates of payments to Assisted Living Programs are available at:

https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/alp/2017-01-01_alp_min_wage_rates.htm

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Minimum Wage Reconciliation - After the end of each calendar year, the Department of Health will survey providers to obtain the following information for the purpose of reconciling annual minimum wage reimbursement. The state will release the reconciliation survey by the end of March and providers will have two weeks to complete the survey or request an extension if a provider determines it is unable to complete the survey within that time. Approval of extensions, and the time of the extension, is at the discretion of the state. If the reconciliation survey is not submitted within the two weeks or within the extension time frame, should one be granted, the provider's minimum wage add-on for the calendar year covered by the survey will be recouped.

- i. Total annual minimum wage funding paid to the provider (as determined from the minimum wage add-on to claims paid for services rendered in the prior calendar year) for the Medicaid share of the minimum wage law increase requirement. (This information will be supplied by the Department of Health.) Medicaid's share is the percentage of minimum wage costs that are attributable to Medicaid services based on the proportion of Medicaid services to a provider's total services.
- ii. Medicaid's share of the total amount the provider was obligated to pay to bring salaries up to the minimum wage for the calendar year. (This information will be completed by the provider.)
- iii. Minimum wage funds to be recouped or additional funds to be received by the provider. (This information will be completed by the provider.) This will be the difference between the amount paid to the provider for the Medicaid share of the minimum wage law increase requirement and the corresponding amount the provider determined it was actually obligated to pay.
- iv. The State agency will review providers' submissions for accuracy and reasonableness, following which it will process associated payments and recoupments via retroactive per unit rate adjustments as quickly as practical thereafter.

The agency's Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer must sign an Attestation verifying the data that is supplied in the survey.

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