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December 14, 2018

Donna Frescatore
Medicaid Director
New York State Department of Health
One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1211
Albany, NY 12210.

Dear Ms. Frescatore:

This is to notify you that New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) #18-0005 has been approved for adoption into the State Medicaid Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2018. This SPA extends the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) methodology for hospital-based clinic and ambulatory surgery services, including emergency room services, and revises the APG methodology to reflect recalculated weights with component updates.

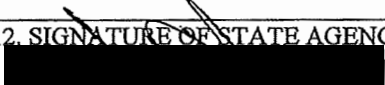

If you have any questions, please contact me or Stephen Abbott of this office. I may be reached at (212) 264-2430, and Mr. Abbott at (518) 396-3810, ext. 113.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Michael Melendez.

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

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TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-0005	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, 2018	
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 01/01/18-09/30/18 (\$ 1,626.75) b. FFY 10/01/18-09/30/19 (\$ 2,169)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Att 4.19-B: Pages 1(e)(1), 1(e)(2), 1(e)(2.1)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Att 4.19-B: Pages 1(e)(1), 1(e)(2), 1(e)(2.1)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: January 2018 Hospital OP APG Updates (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 Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments 99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza Suite 1432 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: MAR 19 2018			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: DECEMBER 14, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JANUARY 01, 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: MICHAEL MELENDEZ		22. TITLE: Division of Medicaid & Children's Health	
23. REMARKS:			

**New York
1(e)(1)****Ambulatory Patient Group System: Hospital-Based Outpatient**

For dates of service beginning December 1, 2008, for hospital outpatient clinic and ambulatory surgery services, and beginning January 1, 2009, for emergency department services, through December 31, [2017] 2018, the operating component of rates for hospital based outpatient services shall be reimbursed using a methodology that is prospective and associated with resource utilization to ensure that ambulatory services are economically and efficiently provided. The methodology is based upon the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) classification and reimbursement system. This methodology incorporates payments for the separate covered Medicaid benefits in accordance with the payment methods for these services. Reimbursement for the capital component of these rates shall be made as an add-on to the operating component as described in the APG Rate Computation section.

If a clinic is certified by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), reimbursement will be as specified in the OPWDD section of the State Plan.

The Ambulatory Patient Group patient classification system is designed to explain the amount and type of resources used in an ambulatory visit by grouping patients with similar clinical characteristics and similar resource use into a specific APG. Each procedure code associated with a patient visit is assigned to an APG using the grouping logic developed by 3M Health Information Systems. When evaluation and management codes are coded, the APG grouping logic also uses the diagnosis code to make the APG assignment. Ultimately, the procedures and diagnoses coded for a patient visit will result in a list of APGs that correspond on a one-for-one basis with each procedure coded for the visit.

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APG Reimbursement Methodology – Hospital Outpatient

The following links direct users to the various definitions and factors that comprise the APG reimbursement methodology, which can also be found in aggregate on the APG website at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm. In addition, prior period information associated with these links is available upon request to the Department of Health.

Contact Information:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on "Contacts."

3M APG Crosswalk, version [3.12] 3.13; updated as of [07/01/17] 01/01/18 and 04/01/18:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/crosswalk/index.htm

<http://dashboard.emedny.org/CrossWalk/html/cwAgreement.html> Click on "Accept" at bottom of page to gain access.

APG Alternative Payment Fee Schedule; updated as of 01/01/11:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Alternative Payment Fee Schedule."

APG Consolidation Logic; logic is from the version of 4/01/08, updated as of [01/01/16] 01/01/18:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/bundling/ Click on "[2016] 2018"

APG 3M Definitions Manual Versions; updated as of [07/01/17] 01/01/18 and 04/01/18:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/crosswalk/index.htm

APG Investments by Rate Period; updated as of 01/01/11:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Investments by Rate Period."

APG Relative Weights; updated as of [07/01/17] 01/01/18:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Weights, Proc Weights, and APG Fee Schedule Amounts" file.

Associated Ancillaries; updated as of 07/01/15:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on "Ancillary Policy."

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Carve-outs; updated as of 10/01/12:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Carve Outs."

Coding Improvement Factors (CIF); updated as of 07/01/12:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "CIFs by Rate Period."

If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs; updated as of 01/01/15:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs."

If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures; updated as of [07/01/14] 01/01/18:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures."

Modifiers; updated as of 01/01/15:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Modifiers."

Never Pay APGs; updated as of 07/01/17:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Never Pay APGs."

Never Pay Procedures; updated as of [07/01/17] 01/01/18:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Never Pay Procedures."

No-Blend APGs; updated as of 04/01/10:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "No Blend APGs."

No-Blend Procedures; updated as of 01/01/11:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "No Blend Procedures."

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