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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 25-0008**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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February 19, 2026

Lisa Lee  
Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Cabinet for Health and Human Services  
275 East Main Street, 6 West A  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Kentucky State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 25-0008

Dear Commissioner Lee:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) KY 25-0008. This amendment updates the State Plan pages for clinic services in Attachment 3.1-A with the required template.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter informs you that Kentucky's Medicaid SPA TN 25-0008 was approved on February 19, 2026, with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Kentucky State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Davidson at (312) 886-3642 or via email at [Christine.davidson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Christine.davidson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Nicole McKnight, Acting Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Erin Bickers, KY DMS  
Daryl Osborne, KY DMS  
Amanda Trent, KY DMS  
Melissa Cuerdon, CMCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
2 5 — 0 0 0 8

2. STATE  
KY

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
 XIX  XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
10/1/25

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
42 CFR § 440.90

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2026 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2027 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
Attachment 3.1-A, Pgs. 1-6  
Attachment 3.1-B, Pgs. 1-6

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
Attachment 3.1-A, Page 7.3.1(d)  
Attachment 3.1-A, Pg. 7.3.3  
Attachment 3.1-B, Page 25.2  
Attachment 3.1-B, Pg. 26

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Update Clinic SPA Pages to template per CMS guidance.

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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

15. RETURN TO  
Lisa Lee  
275 E. Main St.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

12. TYPED NAME  
Lisa Lee

13. TITLE  
Commissioner

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
12/17/25

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16. DATE RECEIVED  
12/17/25

17. DATE APPROVED  
2/19/26

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
10/1/25

19. [Redacted]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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Types of Clinic Services and Limitations in Amount, Duration, or Scope

[Select if applicable, describe below, and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

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Section 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

Types of Clinics and Services:

[Select all that apply and describe below as applicable]

- Behavioral Health Clinics [Describe the types of behavioral health clinics below and select below if applicable.]:

Mental Health Centers

- Limitations apply only to this clinic type within the benefit category. [Describe below and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

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Renal Dialysis Clinics [Select below if applicable.]:

Limitations apply only to this clinic type within the benefit category. [Describe below and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

[Empty text box for describing limitations]

Other Clinics [Describe the types of clinics, if any limitations apply, and select below if applicable.]:

Family Planning Clinics, Health Departments, Rural Health Clinics, Out-patient Surgical Clinics, Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) and Specialized Children's Services Clinics.

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Four Walls Exceptions

The state assures that the following services may be furnished outside of the clinic. [Select the first and second checkbox; Do not select the second checkbox if the state does not enroll IHS or Tribal facilities as providers of clinic services.]:

[ ] Services furnished outside the clinic, by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician, to an eligible individual who does not reside in a permanent dwelling or does not have a fixed home or mailing address in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(b).

[ ] Services furnished outside a clinic that is a facility of the Indian Health Service, whether operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS) or by a Tribe or Tribal organization (as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Pub. L. 93-638), by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(c).

The state elects to cover the following services outside of the clinic [Select all that apply.]:

[ ] Services furnished outside of a clinic that is primarily organized for the care and treatment of outpatients with behavioral health disorders, including mental health and substance use disorders, by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(d) [Describe the types of behavioral health clinics such exception applies to below.]:

[Empty text box for describing behavioral health clinics]

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Services furnished outside of a clinic that is located in a rural area and is not a rural health clinic (as referenced in section §1905(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 42 C.F.R. 440.20(b) of this subpart) by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(e) [Select one of the checkboxes below and describe the definition of a rural area that applies to this exception.]:

A definition adopted and used by a federal governmental agency for programmatic purposes [Describe below.]:

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A definition adopted by a state governmental agency with a role in setting state rural health policy [Describe below.]:

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The state attests that **[Select the checkbox if the state elects to cover services outside of a clinic that is located in a rural area.]**:

The selected definition of a rural area best captures the population of rural individuals that meets more of the four criteria that mirror the needs and barriers to access experienced by individuals who are unhoused:

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**Additional Benefit Description (Optional)**

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