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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

October 10, 2025

Drew Maranto
Interim Medicaid Executive Director
State of Louisiana Department of Health
628 N. 4th Street
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Re: Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) LA-25-0005-B

Dear Medicaid Executive Director Maranto:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number LA-25-0005-B which proposes to implement required coverage/reimbursement for incarcerated youth in Medicaid as described in section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA 2023).

We have conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that the Louisiana Medicaid SPA LA-25-0005-B was approved on October 10, 2025, with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Williams at 410-786-2539 or via email at Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

Enclosures

cc: Najah Freeman
Keuna Franklin
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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

25-0005-B

2. STATE

LA

2. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

3. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2025

July 01, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 441.18(a)(8)(i) and 441.18(a)(9)

**Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act
of 2023 (CAA, 2023)**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025 **\$ 42,892**

b. FFY 2026 **\$ 75,995**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1-M, Pages 1-2 (new pages)

Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A, Page 2 new

Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A, Pages 3-8 (new pages)

Box 7: Attachment 4.19 -B Item 19, Page 3 (new)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Same (TN 87-24)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

**The purpose of this SPA is to implement required coverage for incarcerated youth in Medicaid as described in
section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023).**

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:

The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Drew P. Maranto

13. TITLE

Interim Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 31, 2025

15. RETURN TO

Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.

Medicaid Executive Director

Louisiana Department of Health

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16. DATE RECEIVED

March 31, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

October 10, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

22. REMARKS

10/03/2025: LA concurred to P&I changes Boxes (1, 3, 7 and 8)

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TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE JUVENILES

Target Group (42 Code of Federal Regulations 441.18(a)(8)(i) and 441.18(a)(9)):

Eligible juveniles as defined in §1902(nn) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution **following adjudication**, and for at least 30 days following release.

Post Release TCM Period beyond 30 day post release minimum requirement:

☐ State will provide TCM beyond the 30 day post release requirement. **[explain]:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Areas of State in which services will be provided (§1915(g)(1) of the Act):

☒ Entire state

Comparability of services (§§1902(a)(10)(B) and 1915(g)(1))

☒ Services are not comparable in amount duration and scope (§1915(g)(1)).

Definition of services (42 CFR 440.169): Targeted case management (TCM) services are defined as services furnished to assist individuals, eligible under the State Plan, in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.

Targeted Case Management includes the following assistance:

- ❖ Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs, to determine the need for any medical, educational, social or other services. These assessment activities include:
 - taking client history;
 - identifying the individual's needs and completing related documentation; and
 - gathering information from other sources such as family members, medical providers, social workers, and educators (if necessary), to form a complete assessment of the eligible individual;

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The periodic reassessment is conducted every (check all that apply):

- ☒ 1 month
- ☐ 3 months
- ☐ 6 months
- ☐ 12 months
- ☐ Other frequency **[explain]:** Click or tap here to enter text.

- ❖ Development (and periodic revision) of a specific care plan that is based on the information collected through the assessment that:
 - specifies the goals and actions to address the medical, social, educational, and other services needed by the individual;
 - includes activities such as ensuring the active participation of the eligible individual, and working with the individual (or the individual's authorized health care decision maker) and others to develop those goals; and
 - identifies a course of action to respond to the assessed needs of the eligible individual;
- ❖ Referral and related activities, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible (such as scheduling appointments for the individual) to help the eligible individual obtain needed services including:
 - activities that help link the individual with medical, social, educational providers, or other programs and services that are capable of providing needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the care plan; and
- ❖ Monitoring and follow-up activities are:
activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure the care plan is implemented and adequately addresses the eligible individual's needs, and which may be with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals and conducted as frequently as necessary, and including at least one annual monitoring, to determine whether the following conditions are met:

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- services are being furnished in accordance with the individual's care plan;
- services in the care plan are adequate; and
- changes in the needs or status of the individual are reflected in the care plan.

Monitoring and follow-up activities include making necessary adjustments in the care plan and service arrangements with providers.

Frequency of additional monitoring:

Specify the type and frequency of monitoring (check all that apply)

- ☒ Telephonic. Frequency: At least once per month (telephonic or in person)
☒ In-person. Frequency: At least once per month (telephonic or in person)
☐ Other **[explain]:** Click or tap here to enter text.

☒ Case management includes contacts with non-eligible individuals that are directly related to identifying the eligible individual's needs and care, for the purposes of helping the eligible individual access services; identifying needs and supports to assist the eligible individual in obtaining services; providing case managers with useful feedback, and alerting case managers to changes in the eligible individual's needs. For instance, a case manager might also work with state children and youth agencies for children who are involved with the foster care system.
(42 CFR 440.169(e))

☒ If another case manager is involved upon release or for case management after the 30-day post release mandatory service period, states should ensure a warm hand off to transition case management and support continuity of care of needed services that are documented in the person-centered care plan. A warm handoff should include a meeting between the eligible juvenile, and both the pre-release and post-release case manager. It also should include a review of the person-centered care plan and next steps to ensure continuity of case management and follow-up as the eligible juvenile transitions into the community.

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Qualifications of providers (42 CFR 441.18(a)(8)(v) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)):

[Specify provider qualifications that are reasonably related to the population being served and the case management services furnished.]

Case Managers shall meet one the following criteria for education and experience qualifications:

1. Bachelor's or master's degree in social work from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or
2. Currently licensed registered nurse (RN); or
3. Bachelor's or master's degree in a human service-related field, which includes, but is not limited to, psychology, education, counseling, social services, sociology, philosophy, family and consumer sciences, criminal justice, rehabilitation services, child development, substance abuse, gerontology, and vocational rehabilitation. Degrees other than those listed must be approved by the Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF).

The provider shall ensure that there is only one primary case manager for each eligible beneficiary.

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Freedom of choice (42 CFR 441.18(a)(1)):

☒ The State assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in violation of section 1902(a)(23) of the Act.

1. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid provider within the specified geographic area identified in this plan.
2. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid providers of other medical care under the plan.

Freedom of Choice Exception (§1915(g)(1) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)):

☐ Target group consists of eligible individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness. Providers are limited to qualified Medicaid providers of case management services capable of ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness receive needed services:

[Identify any limitations to be imposed on the providers and specify how these limitations enable providers to ensure that individuals within the target groups receive needed services below.]

Click or tap here to enter text.

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Access to Services (42 CFR 441.18(a)(2), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(3), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(6)):

■ The state assures the following:

- Case management (including targeted case management) services will not be used to restrict an individual's access to other services under the plan.
- Individuals will not be compelled to receive case management services, condition receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services on the receipt of other Medicaid services, or condition receipt of other Medicaid services on receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services; and
- Providers of case management services do not exercise the agency's authority to authorize or deny the provision of other services under the plans.
- Delivery of TCM and the policies, procedures, and processes developed to support implementation of these provisions are built in consideration of the individuals release and will not effectuate a delay of an individual's release or lead to increased involvement in the juvenile and adult justice systems.

Payment (42 CFR 441.18(a)(4)):

■ The state assures payment for case management or targeted case management services under the plan does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

Case Records (42 CFR 441.18(a)(7)):

■ The state assures providers maintain case records that document for all individuals receiving case management as follows: (i) The name of the individual; (ii) The dates of the case management services; (iii) The name of the provider agency (if relevant) and the person providing the case management service; (iv) The nature, content, units of the case management services received and whether goals specified in the care plan have been achieved; (v) Whether the individual has declined services in the care plan; (vi) The need for, and occurrences of, coordination with other case managers; (vii) A timeline for obtaining needed services; (viii) A timeline for reevaluation of the plan.

Limitations:

■ The state assures that case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §440.169 when the case management activities are an integral and inseparable component of another covered Medicaid service (State Medicaid Manual (SMM) 4302.F).

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Case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §440.169 when the case management activities constitute the direct delivery of underlying medical, educational, social, or other services to which an eligible individual has been referred, including for foster care programs, services such as, but not limited to, the following: research gathering and completion of documentation required by the foster care program; assessing adoption placements; recruiting or interviewing potential foster care parents; serving legal papers; home investigations; providing transportation; administering foster care subsidies; making placement arrangements. (42 CFR 441.18(c))

FFP only is available for case management services or targeted case management services if there are no other third parties liable to pay for such services, including as reimbursement under a medical, social, educational, or other program except for case management that is included in an individualized education program or individualized family service plan consistent with §1903(c) of the Act. (§§1902(a)(25) and 1905(c))

☐ State has additional limitations **[Specify any additional limitations.]**

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES--OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (a) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Services for Incarcerated Youth

Eligible juveniles as defined in §1902(nn) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication, and for at least 30 days following release.

Reimbursement for services to incarcerated youth are reimbursed at a flat rate for each approved unit of service. The standard unit of service is equivalent to one month. Payments made for targeted case management services will not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for the same purpose.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of case management services. The agency's fee schedule was set as of July 1, 2025 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.lamedicaid.com.