

State/Territory Name: Massachusetts

State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-26-0003

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form (with 179-like data)
- 3) Approved SPA Pages

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

June 5, 2026

Mike Levine
Assistant Secretary Executive
Office of Human and Health Services
One Ashburton Place
Room 1109
Boston, MA 2108

RE: TN MA-26-0003

Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Massachusetts state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B MA-26-0003, which was submitted to CMS on March 27, 2026. The purpose of this plan amendment is to update the payment methodology for freestanding birth centers.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of February 13, 2026. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Robert Bromwell at 410-786-5914 or via email at robert.bromwell@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 6 — 0 0 0 3</u>	2. STATE <u>MA</u>
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR Part 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 26 \$ 0
b. FFY 27 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B p. 3.3

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

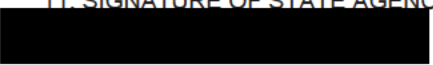
Attachment 4.19-B p. 3.3

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment to the payment methodologies for freestanding birth centers

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED	Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)
<input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL	

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL


12. TYPED NAME
Mike Levine

13. TITLE
Undersecretary for MassHealth

14. DATE SUBMITTED
03/27/2026


15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

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16. DATE RECEIVED 3/27/26	17. DATE APPROVED
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 2/13/26	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Todd McMillion	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL DRR, Director

22. REMARKS

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State: Massachusetts
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

v. **Licensed Freestanding Birth Centers**

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after February 13, 2026. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-35500-rates-for-freestanding-birth-center-services>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.