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December 21, 2021

Dave Richard
Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2501

Re: North Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0015

Dear Mr. Richard:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to add section 7.4.A. Rescissions to the State's Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency to North Carolina's Medicaid state plan, as submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0015. This amendment proposes to rescind a temporary rate increase for outpatient hospital services as approved under Medicaid SPA TN 20-0009.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. Section 7.4 of the Medicaid state plan provides temporary authority for these provisions and is intended to be in effect only for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Due to the temporary nature of this provision, Medicaid SPA TN 21-0015 is approved effective July 1, 2021.


Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form and the approved state plan page.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact William Pak at (404) 562-7407 or via email at William.Pak@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa M.

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Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21-0015	2. STATE NC
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 July 1, 2021	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- NEW STATE PLAN
 AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
 AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

42 CFR §447.201	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2021 \$0.00 b. FFY 2022 \$0.00
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Section 7.4-A, page 2 (new)	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Section 7.4-A, page 2 (new)
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement (rescinding SPA 20-0009)

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):
- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Secretary
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: Office of the Secretary Department of Health and Human Services 2001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-20014
13. TYPED NAME: Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH	
14. TITLE: Secretary	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 9/28/2021	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: September 28, 2021	18. DATE APPROVED: December 21, 2021
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2021	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: Alissa M. DeBoy -S <small>Digitally signed by Alissa M. DeBoy -S Date: 2021.12.21 12:54:01 -05'00'</small>
21. TYPED NAME: Alissa Mooney DeBoy	22. TITLE: On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

23. REMARKS:

7.4.A. Rescissions to the State's Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective July 1, 2021, the agency rescinds the temporary election applied under Session Law 2020-4 (house Bill 1043) and amended by Session Law 2021-3 (House Bill 196) for outpatient hospital services for North Carolina PHE Disaster SPA 20-0009.

This amendment discontinues a subset of the temporary COVID-19 5% legislative rate increase effective 7/1/2021. Hospital outpatient rate methodology will be implemented as outlined in CMS approved SPA 21-0005.