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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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June 29, 2022

Lori Shibinette RN, MBA, NHA
Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

Re: New Hampshire State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0035

Dear Commissioner Shibinette:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to add section 7.4 Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency to your Medicaid state plan, as submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0035. This amendment proposes to implement temporary policies, which are different from those policies and procedures otherwise applied under your Medicaid state plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof).

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency by the authorities vested in him by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (Act). On March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Act, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act as a result of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent necessary, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse. This authority took effect as of 6PM Eastern Standard Time on March 15, 2020, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020. The emergency period will terminate, and this state plan provision will no longer be in effect, upon termination of the public health emergency, including any extensions.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. 430.20 that the state submit SPAs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the final day of the quarter, to obtain a SPA effective date during the quarter, enabling SPAs submitted after the last day of the quarter to have an effective date in a previous quarter, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency.

The State of New Hampshire also requested a waiver of public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Pursuant to section 1135(b)(1)(C) of the Act, CMS is waiving public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Public notice for SPAs is required under 42 C.F.R. §447.205 for changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates, 42 C.F.R. §447.57 for changes to premiums and cost sharing, and 42 C.F.R. §440.386 for changes to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs). Pursuant to section 1135(b)(1)(C) of the Act, CMS is approving the state's request to waive these notice requirements otherwise applicable to SPA submissions.

These waivers or modifications of the requirements related to SPA submission timelines, public notice, apply only with respect to SPAs that meet the following criteria: (1) the SPA provides or increases beneficiary access to items and services related to COVID-19 (such as by waiving or eliminating cost sharing, increasing payment rates or amending ABPs to add services or providers); (2) the SPA does not restrict or limit payment or services or otherwise burden beneficiaries and providers; and (3) the SPA is temporary, with a specified sunset date that is not later than the last day of the declared COVID-19 public health emergency (or any extension thereof). We nonetheless encourage states to make all relevant information about the SPA available to the public so they are aware of the changes.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at section 1902(a) of the Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that New Hampshire's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0035 is approved effective April 1, 2021. This SPA is in addition to all previous approved Disaster Relief SPAs, and does not supersede anything approved in those SPAs.

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

Please note that our approval relates only to the requested change in payment methodology and that the resultant rates and related expenditures are consistent with section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act. CMS may still have questions on the funding structure in determining it's consistent with sections 1902(a)(2), 1903(a), and 1903(w) of the Act as implemented by 42 CFR § 433.54. Approval of the subject SPA does not relieve the state of its responsibility to comply with federal laws and regulations, and to ensure that claims for federal funding are consistent with all applicable requirements. On April 2, 2021, CMS issued a letter on the New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund, in companion to the approval of New Hampshire's Medicaid managed care state directed payment preprints. The letter requested additional information to allow CMS to further review the state's sources of non-federal share financing of the Medicaid adult expansion population. The state responded to the letter on May 28, 2021, and CMS will continue to review the funding structure in question based on the state's

responses. The result of the review may also be applicable to the expenditures related to the payments authorized in this SPA.

We also advise the state to revise their spending plan with the shift/change of spending plan activities in an up-coming narrative update.

Please contact Joyce Butterworth at 857-338-0554 or by email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions about this approval. We appreciate the efforts of you and your staff in responding to the needs of the residents of the State of New Hampshire and the health care community.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

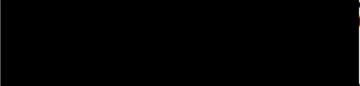
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 2 — 0 0 3 5</u>	2. STATE <u>NH</u>
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <u>April 1, 2021</u>	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Title 19 of the Social Security Act and Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2022 2021</u> \$ <u>1,552,800</u> \$ <u>705,200</u> b. FFY <u>2022</u> \$ <u>705,200</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Section 7.4 (Payments Section) Pages 72-82	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) N/A- new pages	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
NH HCBS Plan (Section 9817)- Workforce Investment

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:
Comments, if any, will follow.

 OFFICIAL	15. RETURN TO Janine Corbett Division of Medicaid Services - Brown Building 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301
12. TYPED NAME Ann H. Landry	
13. TITLE Associate Commissioner	
14. DATE SUBMITTED <u>1-26-22</u>	

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16. DATE RECEIVED January 26, 2022	17. DATE APPROVED 06/29/2022
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL April 1, 2021	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa M. Deboy -S <small>Digitally signed by Alissa M. Deboy -S Date: 2022.06.29 08:48:34 -0400</small>
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa Mooney DeBoy	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

22. REMARKS
Pen & Ink change to Box 7 adding page numbers. Pen & Ink change to Box 6 correcting FI.

Section 7 – General Provisions**7.4. Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency**

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency by the authorities vested in him by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (Act). On March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Act, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act as a result of the consequences COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent necessary, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse. This authority took effect as of 6PM Eastern Standard Time on March 15, 2020, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020. The emergency period will terminate, and waivers will no longer be available, upon termination of the public health emergency, including any extensions.

The State Medicaid agency (agency) seeks to implement the policies and procedures described below, which are different than the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the Medicaid state plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof), or for any shorter period described below:

Describe shorter period here.

NH requests this SPA to be effective from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

NOTE: States may not elect a period longer than the Presidential or Secretarial emergency declaration (or any renewal thereof). States may not propose changes on this template that restrict or limit payment, services, or eligibility, or otherwise burden beneficiaries and providers.

Request for Waivers under Section 1135

The agency seeks the following under section 1135(b)(1)(C) and/or section 1135(b)(5) of the Act:

- a. SPA submission requirements – the agency requests modification of the requirement to submit the SPA by March 31, 2020, to obtain a SPA effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020, pursuant to 42 CFR 430.20.

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- b. Public notice requirements – the agency requests waiver of public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to this SPA submission. These requirements may include those specified in 42 CFR 440.386 (Alternative Benefit Plans), 42 CFR 447.57(c) (premiums and cost sharing), and 42 CFR 447.205 (public notice of changes in statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates).
- c. Tribal consultation requirements – the agency requests modification of tribal consultation timelines specified in [insert name of state] Medicaid state plan, as described below:

Please describe the modifications to the timeline.

Section A – Eligibility

- 1. The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following optional groups of individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) or 1902(a)(10)(c) of the Act. This may include the new optional group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) and 1902(ss) of the Act providing coverage for uninsured individuals.

Include name of the optional eligibility group and applicable income and resource standard.

- 2. The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following populations of individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.218:

- a. All individuals who are described in section 1905(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX)

Income standard: _____

-or-

- b. Individuals described in the following categorical populations in section 1905(a) of the Act:

Income standard: _____

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3. ____ The agency applies less restrictive financial methodologies to individuals excepted from financial methodologies based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) as follows.

Less restrictive income methodologies:

Less restrictive resource methodologies:

4. ____ The agency considers individuals who are evacuated from the state, who leave the state for medical reasons related to the disaster or public health emergency, or who are otherwise absent from the state due to the disaster or public health emergency and who intend to return to the state, to continue to be residents of the state under 42 CFR 435.403(j)(3).
5. ____ The agency provides Medicaid coverage to the following individuals living in the state, who are non-residents:

6. ____ The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for non-citizens declaring to be in a satisfactory immigration status, if the non-citizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency is unable to complete the verification process within the 90-day reasonable opportunity period due to the disaster or public health emergency.

Section B – Enrollment

1. ____ The agency elects to allow hospitals to make presumptive eligibility determinations for the following additional state plan populations, or for populations in an approved section 1115

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demonstration, in accordance with section 1902(a)(47)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.1110, provided that the agency has determined that the hospital is capable of making such determinations.

Please describe the applicable eligibility groups/populations and any changes to reasonable limitations, performance standards or other factors.

2. _____ The agency designates itself as a qualified entity for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L.

Please describe any limitations related to the populations included or the number of allowable PE periods.

3. _____ The agency designates the following entities as qualified entities for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations or adds additional populations as described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L. Indicate if any designated entities are permitted to make presumptive eligibility determinations only for specified populations.

Please describe the designated entities or additional populations and any limitations related to the specified populations or number of allowable PE periods.

4. _____ The agency adopts a total of _____ months (not to exceed 12 months) continuous eligibility for children under age enter age _____ (not to exceed age 19) regardless of changes in circumstances in accordance with section 1902(e)(12) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.926.
5. _____ The agency conducts redeterminations of eligibility for individuals excepted from MAGI-based financial methodologies under 42 CFR 435.603(j) once every _____ months (not to exceed 12 months) in accordance with 42 CFR 435.916(b).
6. _____ The agency uses the following simplified application(s) to support enrollment in affected areas or for affected individuals (a copy of the simplified application(s) has been submitted to CMS).

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- a. ____ The agency uses a simplified paper application.
- b. ____ The agency uses a simplified online application.
- c. ____ The simplified paper or online application is made available for use in call-centers or other telephone applications in affected areas.

Section C – Premiums and Cost Sharing

- 1. ____ The agency suspends deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and other cost sharing charges as follows:

Please describe whether the state suspends all cost sharing or suspends only specified deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or other cost sharing charges for specified items and services or for specified eligibility groups consistent with 42 CFR 447.52(d) or for specified income levels consistent with 42 CFR 447.52(g).

- 2. ____ The agency suspends enrollment fees, premiums and similar charges for:
 - a. ____ All beneficiaries
 - b. ____ The following eligibility groups or categorical populations:

Please list the applicable eligibility groups or populations.

- 3. ____ The agency allows waiver of payment of the enrollment fee, premiums and similar charges for undue hardship.

Please specify the standard(s) and/or criteria that the state will use to determine undue hardship.

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Section D – Benefits

Benefits:

1. ____ The agency adds the following optional benefits in its state plan (include service descriptions, provider qualifications, and limitations on amount, duration or scope of the benefit):

2. ____ The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the state plan:

3. ____ The agency assures that newly added benefits or adjustments to benefits comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including the statewideness requirements found at 1902(a)(1), comparability requirements found at 1902(a)(10)(B), and free choice of provider requirements found at 1902(a)(23).

4. ____ Application to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP). The state adheres to all ABP provisions in 42 CFR Part 440, Subpart C. This section only applies to states that have an approved ABP(s).

- a. ____ The agency assures that these newly added and/or adjusted benefits will be made available to individuals receiving services under ABPs.
- b. ____ Individuals receiving services under ABPs will not receive these newly added and/or adjusted benefits, or will only receive the following subset:

Please describe.

Telehealth:

5. ____ The agency utilizes telehealth in the following manner, which may be different than outlined in the state’s approved state plan:

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Please describe.

Drug Benefit:

6. ____ The agency makes the following adjustments to the day supply or quantity limit for covered outpatient drugs. The agency should only make this modification if its current state plan pages have limits on the amount of medication dispensed.

Please describe the change in days or quantities that are allowed for the emergency period and for which drugs.

7. ____ Prior authorization for medications is expanded by automatic renewal without clinical review, or time/quantity extensions.

8. ____ The agency makes the following payment adjustment to the professional dispensing fee when additional costs are incurred by the providers for delivery. States will need to supply documentation to justify the additional fees.

Please describe the manner in which professional dispensing fees are adjusted.

9. ____ The agency makes exceptions to their published Preferred Drug List if drug shortages occur. This would include options for covering a brand name drug product that is a multi-source drug if a generic drug option is not available.

Section E – Payments

Optional benefits described in Section D:

1. ____ Newly added benefits described in Section D are paid using the following methodology:
a. ____ Published fee schedules –

Effective date (enter date of change): _____

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Location (list published location): _____

b. ___ Other:

Describe methodology here.

Increases to state plan payment methodologies:

2. X The agency increases payment rates for the following services:

The add on rate will be made to providers delivering targeted case management under state plan for HCBS Appendix B (or Appendix B eligible) services provided to Fee for Service beneficiaries for services that are currently provided under state plan authority (and currently reimbursed under state plan rates and claimed as state plan expenditures).

a. _____ Payment increases are targeted based on the following criteria:

Please describe criteria.

b. Payments are increased through:

i. X A supplemental payment or add-on within applicable upper payment limits:

Please describe.

Given the tremendous strain that the HCBS workforce is under, the State will make an add-on payment for specific ARP §9817 eligible qualifying services provided by targeted case management (TCM) providers under state plan authority.

The goal of these add on payments is to increase access and quality of services for Medicaid beneficiaries by expanding workforce capacity through recruiting, retaining, and career laddering HCBS workforce using means such as payments for sign-on bonuses, retention bonuses, ladder advancement stipends, and competency/education/training support stipends.

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The amount of funding for this payment was calculated based on additional funds available from enhanced FMAP savings on services between April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022. The total amount is \$2,820,800.01. Each qualifying TCM provider will receive a portion of the total funds of \$2,820,800.01 based proportionally on the actual State Plan FFS units of service furnished between April 2021 through February 2022, and estimates for March 2022 equal to 1/11th of each facility's actual units of service from April 2021 through February 2022.

Providers must direct the add-on lump sum payment to the workforce in the form of recruitment, retention, training, tuition reimbursement for relevant health care education, or career ladder development. The Department will require each provider receiving these funds to submit an attestation form ensuring that no less than 80% of the funds will go directly for workforce recruitment, retention, or development and must submit a brief summary of how they intend to use the funds (i.e., sign-on bonus, retention bonus, education reimbursement, etc.). The remaining 20% can be used for administrative expenses incurred to administer/disperse these payments (accounting, payroll, etc.) The calculated payment amount will be distributed to each provider as a lump sum payment soon after the State receives and approves the providers' attestation and spending plan.

ii. An increase to rates as described below.

Rates are increased:

Uniformly by the following percentage: _____

Through a modification to published fee schedules –

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Location (list published location): _____

Up to the Medicare payments for equivalent services.

By the following factors:

Please describe.

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Payment for services delivered via telehealth:

3. ____ For the duration of the emergency, the state authorizes payments for telehealth services that:
- a. ____ Are not otherwise paid under the Medicaid state plan;
 - b. ____ Differ from payments for the same services when provided face to face;
 - c. ____ Differ from current state plan provisions governing reimbursement for telehealth;

Describe telehealth payment variation.

- d. ____ Include payment for ancillary costs associated with the delivery of covered services via telehealth, (if applicable), as follows:
 - i. ____ Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is incorporated into fee-for-service rates.
 - ii. ____ Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is separately reimbursed as an administrative cost by the state when a Medicaid service is delivered.

Other:

4. ____ Other payment changes:

Please describe.

Section F – Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income

1. ____ The state elects to modify the basic personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals. The basic personal needs allowance is equal to one of the following amounts:
- a. ____ The individual's total income
 - b. ____ 300 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate

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- c. Other reasonable amount: _____
2. The state elects a new variance to the basic personal needs allowance. (Note: Election of this option is not dependent on a state electing the option described the option in F.1. above.)

The state protects amounts exceeding the basic personal needs allowance for individuals who have the following greater personal needs:

Please describe the group or groups of individuals with greater needs and the amount(s) protected for each group or groups.

Section G – Other Policies and Procedures Differing from Approved Medicaid State Plan /Additional Information

PRA Disclosure Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148 (Expires 03/31/2021). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 to 2 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Your response is required to receive a waiver under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. All responses are public and will be made available on the CMS web site. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. ***CMS Disclosure*** Please do not send applications, claims, payments, medical records or any documents containing sensitive information to the PRA Reports Clearance Office. Please note that any correspondence not pertaining to the information collection burden approved under the associated OMB control number listed on this form will not be reviewed, forwarded, or retained. If you have questions or concerns regarding where to submit your documents, please contact the Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services at 410-786-3870.

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