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State Territory Name: NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: NH-25-0004

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

September 4, 2025

Lori A. Weaver, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
State of New Hampshire
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: New Hampshire State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number 25-0004

Dear Commissioner Weaver:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed New Hampshire state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-D NH-25-0004, which was submitted to CMS on June 16, 2025. This plan amendment titled, "Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payment Adjustments" updates the payment amounts to be made for State Fiscal Year 2025 to non-public hospitals that qualify for DSH payment adjustments under the New Hampshire State Plan provisions governing inpatient hospital services payments.

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 May 28, 2025. 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 Wendy Harrison at 443-847-0369 or via email at wendy.harrison@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the Director.

Rory Howe
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2</u> <u>5</u> — <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>4</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 May 28, 2025	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION SSA 1923 and 42 CFR Part 447		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2024</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2025</u> \$ <u>70,242,091</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-A, Page 5b(cont 4)		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-A, Page 5b(cont 4), (24-0004)	
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payment Adjustments			
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) <input checked="" type="radio"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="radio"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Governor's comments if any will follow.			
11. SIGNED BY: [Redacted] 12. TYPED NAME Ann H. Landry 13. TITLE Associate Commissioner 14. DATE SUBMITTED June 16, 2025		15. RETURN TO Jody Farwell Division of Medicaid Services - Brown Building 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301	
FOR CMS USE ONLY			
16. DATE RECEIVED June 16, 2025		17. DATE APPROVED September 4, 2025	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL May 28, 2025		19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL [Redacted]	
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Rory Howe		21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, FMG	
22. REMARKS			

(I) For State Fiscal Year 2025 each hospital shall be paid an interim payment in the amount indicated in the table below to maintain hospital stability and access to care, for a total interim distribution of \$140,484,182 of that, \$63,162,466 will be made available to the non-profit academic medical center with a Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center and \$77,321,716 will be shared among the remaining qualifying non-critical access hospitals which shall be paid a proportionate share of their uncompensated care cost to maintain hospital stability and access to care.

These payments will be reconciled and amended based on the results of the state's annual DSH audit for SFY25. The total amount available will be reallocated proportionately to each hospital based on its uncompensated care costs resulting from the audit. No hospital will receive an allocation in excess of its uncompensated care costs from the audit.

Hospital Name	Interim Payment
Catholic Medical Center	\$12,655,293
Cheshire Medical Center	\$ 7,533,935
Concord Hospital Inc.	\$11,538,441
Elliot Hospital	\$11,990,789
Exeter Hospital Inc.	\$4,417,915
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	\$2,105,411
Concord Hospital - Laconia (formerly LRGH)	\$2,567,637
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hosp	\$63,162,466
Parkland Medical Center	\$1,704,995
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	\$3,815,894
Southern NH Medical Center	\$6,682,861
St. Joseph Hospital	\$4,613,920
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	\$7,694,625
	\$140,484,182

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 or 2 above:

(A) if in Fiscal Year 2016 or 2017, qualifying hospitals' total aggregate uncompensated care costs, as reported to the NH Department of Health and Human Services, is less than \$350 million, the State shall pay such hospitals not less than \$175 million in DSH payments, shared among such hospitals in proportion to the amount of uncompensated care costs incurred by each such hospital relative to the total; provided that New Hampshire hospitals with a critical access designation shall continue to receive reimbursements of no less than 75% of each such hospital's uncompensated care costs; and

(B) total statewide DSH payments to hospitals qualifying under this second type of DSH payment adjustment shall not exceed \$207,184,916 in Fiscal Year 2016, \$217,271,699 in Fiscal Year 2017, \$223,829,358 in Fiscal Year 2018, \$215,083,692 in Fiscal Year 2019, \$217,498,464 in Fiscal Year 2020, \$165,144,396 in Fiscal Year 2021, \$197,116,859 in Fiscal Year 2022, \$214,188,629 in Fiscal Year 2023, \$219,987,391 in Fiscal Year 2024, and \$140,484,182 in Fiscal Year 2025. The cap amount excludes deemed DSH payments made pursuant to paragraph 1(A).