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March 31, 2022

Ms. Nicole Comeaux
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Re: New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0006

Dear Ms. Comeaux:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0006. This amendment proposes to update the state plan to ensure compliance with federal Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) requirements.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 1902(a)(28)(D)(i) of the Act, 1919(e)(7) of the Act, 42 CFR 418.3, and 42 CFR 483.130. This letter is to inform you that New Mexico Medicaid SPA 22-0006 was approved on March 31, 2022, with an effective date of March 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Banks at (415)744-3782 or via email at Peter.Banks@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Nicole Comeaux
    Julie Lovato
    Valerie Tapia
    Donna Lopez
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 22006
2. STATE: NM
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: XIX
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: March 31, 2022
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 1902(a)(28)(D)(i) of the Act; 1919(e)(7) of the Act; 42 CFR 418.3; 42 CFR 483.130
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars):
   - a. FFY 22: $0
   - b. FFY 23: $0
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.39, pg. 1
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.39, pg. 1

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
Preadmission Screening Resident Review (PASRR)/Categorical Determinations - new language includes that the state mental health or intellectual disability authority may make certain determinations specified in the state plan.

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
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: [Signature]
12. TYPED NAME: Nicole Comeaux
13. TITLE: Director, Medical Assistance Division
14. DATE SUBMITTED: March 17, 2022
15. RETURN TO: Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director Medical Assistance Division P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

16. DATE RECEIVED: March 17, 2022
17. DATE APPROVED: March 31, 2022

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18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: March 31, 2022
19. SIGN PROVING OFFICIAL: [Signature] Digitally signed by James G. Scott -5 Date: 2022.03.31 17:51:58 -05'00'
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL: James G. Scott
21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL: Director, Division of Program Operations
22. REMARKS

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: New Mexico

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

A. The state mental health or intellectual disability authority may make an advanced determination that nursing facility (NF) services are needed for the following groups of applicants for NF care:

1. **Convalescent care**: The applicant is admitted directly to a NF from a hospital for convalescent care for an acute physical illness under the following circumstances:
   a. the individual’s attending physician has certified before admission to the facility that the individual is likely to require less than 30 days of nursing facility services.
   b. convalescent care is required to treat a condition other than the one that resulted in the hospital admission.

2. **Terminal illness**: as defined for hospice purposes in 42 CFR §418.3.

3. **Severe physical illness**: such as coma, ventilator dependence, functioning at a brain stem level or diagnoses such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and congestive heart failure which result in a level of impairment so severe that the individual is determined to need NF services.

4. **Provisional admissions**:
   a. pending further assessment accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears, not to exceed 30 days;
   b. pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services, not to exceed 7 calendar days from admission;

5. **Respite**: the individual is admitted for a very brief and finite stay, not to exceed 14 days, for the purpose of providing respite to in-home caregivers. The individual is expected to return home after this brief stay.

B. The state mental health and intellectual disability authorities may make categorical determination that specialized services are not needed in the provisional, emergency and respite admissions situations identified 42 CFR §483.130(d)(4)-(6).

C. The state mental health and intellectual disability authorities may make categorical determinations that individuals with dementia, which exists in combination with intellectual disability or related condition, do not need specialized services.