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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

September 16, 2026

Amir Bassiri
Acting Medicaid Director
Department of Health
99 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12210

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment NY-26-0029 NYS Health Home Program

Dear Director Bassiri,

On June 30, 2026, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) NY-26-0029 for NYS Health Home Program which proposes a 2.7% rate increase to existing per member per month (PMPM) case management fees for adults in the state-defined Health Homes+ (HH+) level of need.

We approve New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) NY-26-0029 with an effective date(s) of April 1, 2026. April 01, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Jerica Bennett at 410-786-1167 or jerica.bennett@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion

Director, Division of Reimbursement
Review

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

Submission - Summary

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State Information

State/Territory Name:	New York	Medicaid Agency Name:	Department of Health
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Submission Component

- ☒ State Plan Amendment
- ☒ Medicaid
- ☐ CHIP

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including
Goals and Objectives

SUMMARY
SPA #26-0029

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Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2026	\$178256
Second	2027	\$356513

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Section 1945 of the Social Security Act.

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- ☒ No comment
- ☐ Comments received
- ☐ No response within 45 days
- ☐ Other

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Program Authority

1945 of the Social Security Act
The state elects to implement the Health Home state plan option under Section 1945 of the Social Security Act.

Name of 1945 Health Home Program

NYS Health Home Program

Executive Summary

Provide an executive summary of this Health Home program including the goals and objectives of the program, the population, providers, services and service delivery model used

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General Assurances

- ☒ The state provides assurance that eligible individuals will be given a free choice of Health Home providers.
- ☒ The states provides assurance that it will not prevent individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid from receiving Health Home services.
- ☒ The state provides assurance that hospitals participating under the state plan or a waiver of such plan will be instructed to establish procedures for referring eligible individuals with chronic conditions who seek or need treatment in a hospital emergency department to designated Health Home providers.
- ☒ The state provides assurance that FMAP for 1945 Health Home services shall be 90% for the first eight fiscal quarters from the effective date of the SPA. After the first eight quarters, expenditures will be claimed at the regular matching rate.
- ☒ The state provides assurance that it will have the systems in place so that only one 8-quarter period of enhanced FMAP for each health home enrollee will be claimed.
- ☒ The state provides assurance that there will be no duplication of services and payment for similar services provided under other Medicaid authorities.

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Payment Methodology

The State's Health Home payment methodology will contain the following features

☒ Fee for Service

☐ Individual Rates Per Service

☒ Per Member, Per Month Rates

☒ Fee for Service Rates based on

☒ Severity of each individual's chronic conditions

☐ Capabilities of the team of health care professionals, designated provider, or health team

☒ Other

Describe below

see text box below regarding rates

☐ Comprehensive Methodology Included in the Plan

☐ Incentive Payment Reimbursement

Describe any variations in payment based on provider qualifications, individual care needs, or the intensity of the services provided

see text below

☐ PCCM (description included in Service Delivery section)

☐ Risk Based Managed Care (description included in Service Delivery section)

☐ Alternative models of payment, other than Fee for Service or PMPM payments (describe below)

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Agency Rates

Describe the rates used

- ☐ FFS Rates included in plan
- ☐ Comprehensive methodology included in plan
- ☒ The agency rates are set as of the following date and are effective for services provided on or after that date

Effective Date

4/1/2026

Website where rates are displayed

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/billing/hh_rates.htm

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Rate Development

Provide a comprehensive description in the SPA of the manner in which rates were set

1. In the SPA please provide the cost data and assumptions that were used to develop each of the rates;
2. Please identify the reimbursable unit(s) of service;
3. Please describe the minimum level of activities that the state agency requires for providers to receive payment per the defined unit;
4. Please describe the state's standards and process required for service documentation, and;
5. Please describe in the SPA the procedures for reviewing and rebasing the rates, including:
 - the frequency with which the state will review the rates, and
 - the factors that will be reviewed by the state in order to understand if the rates are economic and efficient and sufficient to ensure quality services.

Comprehensive Description Provider Types

NYS Medicaid providers eligible to become Health Homes (HHs) include: Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs); hospitals; medical, mental, and chemical dependency treatment clinics; primary care practitioner practices; PCMHs; Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs); Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers; Certified Home Healthcare Agencies (CHHAs), and any other Medicaid enrolled providers that meet HH provider standards.

Care Management (CM) Fees

HHs meeting State and Federal standards are paid a per member per month (PMPM) CM fee that is adjusted based on region and case mix method for Health Homes Serving Adults (HHSa) class members; or the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength Assessment of New York (CANS-NY) for Health Homes Serving Children (HHSC) (age 0 through 20). The total costs relating to a care manager (salary, fringe benefits, non-personal services, capital and administration costs), in conjunction with caseload assumptions, are used to develop the HHCM fees. The State periodically reviews HH claims data in conjunction with Department of Labor salary data to ensure that the fees are sufficient to ensure quality services. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedules are the same for both governmental and private providers.

All current/pending HHSC, HHSa, and HH+ fees are published on the DOH website:
https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/billing/docs/hh_rates.pdf

All historical HHSC, HHSa, and HH+ fees are published on the DOH website:
https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/archive/historical.htm

A unit of service will be defined as a billable unit per service month. In order to be reimbursed for a billable unit of service per month HH providers must, at a minimum, provide one of the core HH services per month. The monthly payment will be paid via the active CM PMPM. Once a patient has consented to receive services, has been assigned a care manager, and is enrolled in the HH program; the active CM PMPM may be billed. Care managers must document all services provided to the member in the member's care plan.

Population Case Mix Definitions for Health Homes Serving Adults (HHSa) Class Members

Health Home Plus (HH+) class CM includes adults with an active AOT order or expired AOT order within the last year; adults stepping down from State Psychiatric Care (PC) and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT); Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) members that meet high risk criteria (recent incarceration, homelessness, multiple hospital admissions, etc.); and members identified at the discretion of the MMCP or State designated entity for adults not currently enrolled in a MMCP.

HHSa High Risk/High Need class CM includes adults that are Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) enrolled members not included in HH+ CM; any adult member meeting high risk criteria based on the high, medium and low Clinical and Functional Assessment; and members identified at the discretion of the MMCP or State designated entity for adults not currently enrolled in a MMCP.

HHSa Home Transition class includes adults who, under the terms of a Stipulation and Order of Settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and New York State, are Adult Home Residents with serious mental illness (SMI) who are required to transition from Adult Homes located in New York City to the community.

HHSa class CM includes all other adults not meeting the criteria for HH+ CM, High Risk/High Need CM, or HHSa Home Transition.

Managed Care (MC) Considerations

Similar to the NY patient centered Medical Home program, it is the intention of the State to coordinate and pay for HH services through MMCPs, but at State set fees for the service. The State will address any existing CM resources in the current plan premium for HH enrollees under CMS guidelines (bring this resource out of the capitation and create federal

matching for those resources under the HH payment). MMCPs will pay HH providers State set fees when providers are contracted to provide all HH services. In cases where the MMCP performs a portion of the HH service (e.g. telephonic post discharge tracking) and downstream providers perform a separate portion (e.g. face to face CM), the MMCP will split the State generated PMPM proportional to the contracted effort.

The Medicaid/FHP Model Contract has been modified to include language similar to that outlined below which addresses any duplication of payment between the Managed Care Organization (MCO) capitation payments and HH payments. The delivery design and payment methodology will not result in any duplication of payment between HHs and managed care.

- MMCPs are not required to provide services that would duplicate CMS reimbursed HH services for members participating in the State's HH program.
- MMCPs will be informed of members assigned to a HH or will assign its members to a HH for services. MMCPs may need to expand their networks to include additional State designated HH providers to ensure appropriate access.
- MMCPs are required to have signed contracts including clearly established responsibilities with the provider based HHs.
- MMCPs are required to inform either the individual's HH or the State of any inpatient admission or discharge of a HH member that the MMCP learns of through its inpatient admission initial authorization and concurrent review processes as soon as possible to promote appropriate follow-up and coordination of services.
- MMCPs will assist State designated HH providers in their network with coordinating access to data as needed.
- MMCPs will, as appropriate, assist with the collection of required CM and patient experience of care data from State designated HH providers in its network.

The State has a HH advisory committee of providers and MMCPs through which any issues with payment should be raised and addressed. Directions have been given to MMCPs to match HH payment to providers based on relative HHCM effort. Further information on specific construction on HH payments includes specific administration compensation to guide rate differential construct.

Effective January 1, 2012 the State envisions that eventually all Targeted Case Management (TCM) programs operating in New York will convert to or become part of HHs, and these providers will require time to meet State and Federal HH standards. The State will allow TCM providers that can meet HH standards to convert to HHs or join with larger HHs. TCM providers that convert to HHs will be governed under NYS HH Provider Qualification Standards, not TCM standards. The payment method will be designed to transition all existing TCM capacity from the current rates to the new HH fee payment structure.

HHCM services may be provided to children that are eligible and enrolled in both the Early Intervention (EI) and HHSC programs and will meet and fulfill the requirements of the ongoing service coordination required to be provided to children enrolled in the EI program.

All payments will be made under the HH payment detailed above in the CM Fee section if they convert to or become part of a HH.

Effective December 1, 2016 risk adjusted payments (high, medium, low acuity levels) for all Health Home member classes allow providers to service a diverse population of patients and assign patients to various levels of CM intensity without having to meet preset standards for contact counts. Providers are able to respond to and adjust the intensity and frequency of intervention based on a patient's current condition and needs (from tracking to high touch).

Effective June 1, 2018 the PMPM CM fee for HHs that are designated HHSC only, or designated HHSC in 43 counties and both HHSA and HHSC in 1 county, shall receive an additional \$4 million in payments to supplement CM fees. The supplemental payments shall be lump sum payments paid no later than March 31, 2019 and will be allocated proportionately among such HHs based on services provided between June 1, 2018 and December 1, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2019 Providers delivering Individualized Care Coordination (ICC) under the 1915c SED or Health Care Integration (HCI) under the 1915c B2H waivers, who shall provide HHCM services in accordance with this section shall be eligible for a transition fee add-on for two years to enable providers to transition to HHSC fees. HHSC CM services eligible for the transition fee add-on shall be limited to services provided to the number of children such providers served as of December 31, 2018. Services provided to a greater number of children than such providers served as of December 31, 2018 shall be reimbursed the HHSC fee without the add-on.

Effective October 1, 2022 HHSC may receive an assessment fee to ensure that any child who may be eligible for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) under the Consolidated Children's Waiver or State Plan authority will be eligible to receive a timely HCBS assessment under the HH program. The HHSC HCBS assessment fee will compensate the HH for the costs associated with conduct of:

- Evaluation and/or re-evaluation of HCBS level of care;
- Assessment and/or reassessment of the need for HCBS;
- Inclusion of all aspects of an HCBS Plan of Care in the HH's Comprehensive Care Plan.

This fee will be paid in addition to the CM PMPM and is contingent upon the HH completing a timely and complete assessment.

Effective January 1, 2024 a PMPM CM fee was developed separately for HHSC designated by the NYS designation process and providing High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW). The fee is based on modeling estimated enrollment, staff salaries, benefits, non-personnel costs, overhead, and administrative costs that is based on region under HFW based on caseload assumptions. Separate projections and fees are developed for this population of most vulnerable children who meet the following conditions to be part of this service:

SED diagnosis as well as additional criteria, namely that the child or youth is:

- Between 6 and 21 years of age;
- Has a functional impairment in the home, school, or community as measured by the CANS-NY system;
- Is HH enrolled/eligible through SED or has 2 mental health (MH) diagnoses;
- Is involved with two or more systems;
- Has a history of service utilization with out-of-home residential or inpatient services, crisis and emergency services, intensive treatment programs or represents high needs populations.

Effective April 1, 2024 a supplemental PMPM CM fee was developed for the HHSA designated by the NYS designation process and providing HH+ CM to members who are receiving HH+ CM due to an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Order.

Effective April 1, 2025 a 2.6% Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) is applied to the CM fees for those HH members that meet the risk and acuity criteria for HH+ and for those members that meet the risk and acuity criteria for HH+ and are receiving AOT as per the SFY 2026 enacted budget.

Effective April 1, 2026 a 2.7% TII is applied to the CM fees for those HH members that meet the risk and acuity criteria for HH+ and for those members that meet the risk and acuity criteria for HH+ and are receiving AOT as per the SFY 2027 enacted budget.

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Assurances

- ☒ The State provides assurance that it will ensure non-duplication of payment for services similar to Health Home services that are offered/covered under a different statutory authority, such as 1915(c) waivers or targeted case management.

Describe below how non-duplication of payment will be achieved

All rates are published on the DOH website. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All of the above payment policies have been developed to assure that there is no duplication of payment for health home services.

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/billing/docs/hh_rates.pdf
- ☒ The state has developed payment methodologies and rates that are consistent with section 1902(a)(30)(A).
- ☒ The State provides assurance that all governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same rate schedule, unless otherwise described above.
- ☒ The State provides assurance that it shall reimburse providers directly, except when there are employment or contractual arrangements consistent with section 1902(a)(32).

Optional Supporting Material Upload

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