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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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May 26, 2023

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH
Acting Secretary
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

Re: Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0011

Dear Acting Secretary Arkoosh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0011. This amendment proposes to temporarily extend the state's alternative payment methodology (APM) to pay Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) for COVID-19 vaccine administration originally approved in Disaster Relief SPA 20-0025.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Pennsylvania's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 23-0011 is approved effective May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Belnap at 215-861-4273 or via email at Dan.Belnap@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
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Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 3 — 0 0 1 1

2. STATE

PA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

May 12, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Title XIX of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2023 \$ 0
b. FFY 2024 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Section 7.4.B - Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

New

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Temporary extension of the Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) to pay Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

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:

11. SIGNATURE

[Redacted Signature]

12. TYPED NAME

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH

13. TITLE

Acting Secretary of Human Services

14. DATE SUBMITTED

May 11, 2023

15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
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Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

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16. DATE RECEIVED

May 11, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED

May 26, 2023

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

May 12, 2023

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

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21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

22. REMARKS

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

7.4.B. Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective May 12, 2023, until May 11, 2024, the agency temporarily extends the following election(s) of section 7.4 (approved on October 14, 2021, in SPA Number 20-0025) of the state plan:

Payments

Other payment changes:

The Department of Human Services (Department) will pay only Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that agree to accept this alternate payment methodology (APM), the Medical Assistance (MA) Fee Schedule rate for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines administered during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit by staff who have authority under state law to administer the vaccine and are covered under Pennsylvania's Medicaid State Plan. The supplemental amounts made under this APM are in addition to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) paid to FQHCs/RHCs for an encounter. The amount in total paid to FQHC and RHC providers is at least their provider-specific PPS rate.

This APM was developed to support FQHCs/RHCs, as a key COVID-19 vaccine provider identified in Pennsylvania's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Payments under this APM are to cover the additional costs associated with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines by FQHCs/RHCs during COVID-19 vaccine-only visits as the PPS cost base for FQHCs/RHCs did not include these costs. The supplemental amount paid under this APM is the MA Fee Schedule rate for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, which is equivalent to the Medicare rate developed by CMS to account for the additional costs associated with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. This rate is being used as FQHC/RHC cost data history is not available for rate development and is the same rate paid to other outpatient clinics that have comparable costs for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. FQHCs/RHCs that opt-in to this APM must agree that the MA Fee Schedule rate covers their increased costs associated with COVID-19 vaccine only visits in supplement to their PPS rate.

FQHCs/RHCs will receive the MA Fee Schedule rate for each administration of a COVID-19 vaccine administered during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit. Payments made to the FQHCs/RHCs under this APM will be made per submitted claim for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit.

The supplemental payments under this APM are only for COVID-19 vaccine-only visits. If the COVID-19 vaccine is administered as part of a billable encounter visit, then the FQHC/RHC will receive their provider-specific PPS rate. FQHCs/RHCs may not receive a supplemental payment under this APM and a PPS payment for encounters that include COVID-19 vaccine administration.

TN: 23-0011
Supersedes TN: New

Approval Date: 05/26/2023
Effective Date: 05/12/2023