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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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June 26, 2025

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

Re: Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0007

Dear Secretary Arkoosh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0007. This amendment proposes to assure coverage for clinic services outside of the “four walls” of behavioral health clinics or clinics located in rural areas.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations §440.90. This letter informs you that Pennsylvania’s Medicaid SPA TN 25-0007 was approved on June 26, 2025, effective January 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and the approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Pennsylvania State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko at (215) 861-4288 or via email at [Margaret.Kosherzenko@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.Kosherzenko@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Shantrina Roberts, Acting Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 0 7

2. STATE

PA3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID &amp; CHIP SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.90(d) and (e)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025\$ 0b. FFY 2026\$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)~~Amendment to Attachment 3.1A/3.1B pages 4a-4ff~~~~3.1A-3.1B pages 4a-4ff~~Attachment 3.1A/3.1B, pages 4a-4fAttachment 3.1A/3.1B, pages 4a-4ff (all pages in this  
sequence)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Clinic Services in Behavioral Health Clinics and Clinics in Rural Areas

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 OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH

13. TITLE

Secretary of Human Services

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 31, 2025

15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Human Services

Office of Medical Assistance Programs

Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning

P.O. Box 2675

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

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16. DATE RECEIVED

03/31/2025

17. DATE APPROVED

06/26/2025**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

01/01/2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Shantrina Roberts

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Box 7: State authorized pen and ink change on 06/24/2025. Box 8: State authorized pen and ink change on 06/24/2025.

## State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

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## Section 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

The state provides coverage for this benefit as defined at section §1905(a)(9) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 C.F.R. 440.90 and as described as follows:

General Assurances

[Select all three checkboxes below.]

- ☒ The state assures services are furnished by a facility that is not part of a hospital in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90.
- ☒ The state assures that services are furnished by facilities that are organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90.
- ☒ The state assures that services are furnished under the direction of a physician or dentist in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(a).

Types of Clinic Services and Limitations in Amount, Duration, or Scope

[Select if applicable, describe below, and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

- ☐ Limitations apply to all services within the benefit category.

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## Section 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

Types of Clinics and Services:

[Select all that apply and describe below as applicable]



Behavioral Health Clinics [Describe the types of behavioral health clinics below and select below if applicable.]:

## Psychiatric Clinics

Provider Qualifications - Psychiatric clinics must have a certificate of compliance from the Department, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

## Drug and Alcohol and Methadone Maintenance Clinic services

Provider Qualifications - Drug and alcohol outpatient clinics must be fully or provisionally licensed by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. A drug and alcohol clinic may provide methadone maintenance if approved to do so by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.



Limitations apply only to this clinic type within the benefit category. [Describe below and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

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☐ IHS and Tribal Clinics [Select below if applicable.]:☐ Limitations apply only to this clinic type within the benefit category.  
[describe below and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria].☒ Renal Dialysis Clinics [Select below if applicable.]:☒ Limitations apply only to this clinic type within the benefit category.  
[Describe below and indicate if limits may be exceeded based upon state determined medical necessity criteria.]

1. Initial training for home dialysis, provided in a renal dialysis clinic, is limited to twenty-four (24) sessions per beneficiary.

2. Dialysis procedures provided as back-up to home dialysis are limited to seventy-five (75) per calendar year.

☒ Other Clinics [Describe the types of clinics, if any limitations apply, and select below if applicable.]:

- Independent Medical Clinics

- Ambulatory Surgical Center (42 CFR 416) - Prior authorization is required for an admission for same day surgical services.

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## Section 1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

Four Walls Exceptions

The state assures that the following services may be furnished outside of the clinic. **[Select the first and second checkbox; Do not select the second checkbox if the state does not enroll IHS or Tribal facilities as providers of clinic services.]**



Services furnished outside the clinic, by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician, to an eligible individual who does not reside in a permanent dwelling or does not have a fixed home or mailing address in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(b).



Services furnished outside a clinic that is a facility of the Indian Health Service, whether operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS) or by a Tribe or Tribal organization (as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), Pub. L. 93-638), by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(c).

The state elects to cover the following services outside of the clinic **[Select all that apply.]**



Services furnished outside of a clinic that is primarily organized for the care and treatment of outpatients with behavioral health disorders, including mental health and substance use disorders, by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(d) **[Describe the types of behavioral health clinics such exception applies to below:]**

Psychiatric Clinics, Drug and Alcohol Clinics, and Methadone Maintenance Clinics - Providers must make clinic services available at the clinic when clinically appropriate or when requested by the beneficiary.

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Services furnished outside of a clinic that is located in a rural area and is not a rural health clinic (as referenced in section §1905(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 42 C.F.R. 440.20(b) of this subpart) by clinic personnel under the direction of a physician in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.90(e) **[Select one of the checkboxes below and describe the definition of a rural area that applies to this exception.]**:



A definition adopted and used by a federal governmental agency for programmatic purposes **[Describe below.]**:



A definition adopted by a state governmental agency with a role in setting state rural health policy **[Describe below.]**:

Rural Area as determined by the Center For Rural Pennsylvania. The Center for Rural Pennsylvania's definition of rural and urban is based on population density. Population density is calculated by dividing the total population of a specific area by the total number of square miles of that area. According to the 2020 Census, the population of Pennsylvania is 13,002,700 and the number of square miles of land in Pennsylvania is 44,742. Therefore, the population density is 291 people per square mile. A county or school district is rural when the number of people per square mile within the county or school district is fewer than 291. Counties and school districts

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that have 291 people or more per square mile are considered urban. According to the Center's definition, there are 48 rural counties and 19 urban counties in Pennsylvania.

The state attests that [Select the checkbox if the state elects to cover services outside of a clinic that is located in a rural area.]:



The selected definition of a rural area best captures the population of rural individuals that meets more of the four criteria that mirror the needs and barriers to access experienced by individuals who are unhoused:

- The population experiences high rates of behavioral health diagnoses or difficulty accessing behavioral health services;
- The population experiences issues accessing services due to lack of transportation;
- The population experiences a historical mistrust of the health care system; and
- The population experiences high rates of poor health outcomes and mortality.

Additional Benefit Description (Optional)

At its option the state may provide additional descriptive information about the benefit, beyond what is included in the federal statutory and regulatory definitions and descriptions. [Describe below.]:

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