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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 26-0008

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



Financial Management Group

July 7, 2026

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH
Secretary of Human Services
Office of Long-Term Living/Forum Place 6th Fl
ATTN: Bureau of Policy Development and Communications Management
PO Box 8025
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8025

RE: TN 26-0008

Dear Secretary of Human Services Arkoosh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Pennsylvania state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-D PA 26-0008, which was submitted to CMS on May 29, 2026. This plan amendment authorizes the Department to make a supplementation payment to certain county nursing facilities in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements, including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 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 April 1, 2026. 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 Kristina Mack at 617-565-1225 or via email at Kristina.Mack-Webb@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Rory Howe
Director
Financial Management Group

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 6 — 0 0 0 8

2. STATE

PA3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447.250

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025\$ 0b. FFY 2026\$ 2,551,661

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19D, Part Ia, page 5c18. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)Attachment 4.19D, Part Ia, page 5c1

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Medical Assistance county nursing facility supplementation payment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

5/29/26

15. RETURN TO

PA Department of Human ServicesOffice of Long-Term Living/Forum Place 6th Fl.Attention: Bureau of Policy Development and Communications
ManagementP.O. Box 8025Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8025**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

May 29, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED

July 7, 2026**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Rory Howe

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

5b. *Supplementation Payment for County Nursing Facilities*

The Department will make a county nursing facility supplementation payment in Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to qualified county nursing facilities. To qualify, a county nursing facility must be located in a home rule county that was formerly a county of the second class A, have more than 725 beds and a Medicaid acuity of 0.79 as of August 1, 2015. The number of beds will be the number of licensed beds as of August 1, 2015, and the Medicaid acuity will be determined using the Case Mix Index (CMI) Report for the August 1, 2015, Picture Date in accordance with Attachment 4.19D, Part I, Supplement I. A county nursing facility's supplementation payment is calculated by multiplying the supplementation per diem by the number of paid Medical Assistance (MA) facility and therapeutic leave days for the prior fiscal year. The supplementation per diem will be calculated by dividing the total funds available by the total number of paid MA facility and therapeutic leave days for the prior fiscal year.

The state funds allocated for FY 2018-2019 is \$2,000,000.

The state funds allocated for FY 2019-2020 is \$2,000,000.

The state funds allocated for FY 2020-2021 is \$2,000,000.

The state funds allocated for FY 2021-2022 is \$2,000,000.

The state funds allocated for FY 2022-2023 is \$2,000,000.

The state funds allocated for FY 2023-2024 is \$2,000,000.

5c. *Supplementation Payment for County Nursing Facilities*

(a) The Department of Human Services (Department) will make a county nursing facility supplementation payment in Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 to qualified nursing facilities. To qualify, a county nursing facility must be located in a home rule county that is a county of the second class A, have more than 725 beds and a Medicaid acuity of 0.79 as of August 1, 2015. The number of beds will be the number of licensed beds as of August 1, 2015, and the Medicaid acuity will be determined using the Case Mix Index (CMI) Report for the August 1, 2015, Picture Date in accordance with Attachment 4.19D, Part I, Supplement I.

(b) A county nursing facility's supplementation payment is calculated by multiplying the supplementation per diem by the number of paid Medical Assistance (MA) facility and therapeutic leave days for the prior Fiscal Year (FY). The supplementation per diem will be calculated by dividing the total funds available by the total number of paid MA facility and therapeutic leave days for the prior FY.

The state funds allocated for county nursing facilities for a FY are as follows:

FY 2024-2025 is \$2,000,000.

FY 2025-2026 is \$2,000,000, effective April 1, 2026.