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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

June 9, 2025

Richard Charest, R.Ph, MBA, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
3 West Road, Virks Building
Cranston, RI 02920

Re: Rhode Island State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0009

Dear Secretary Charest:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0009. This amendment proposes for Rhode Island to update their Medicaid State Plan to attest compliance to the new “four walls” exception for Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Facilities.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR §440.90. This letter informs you that Rhode Island’s Medicaid SPA TN 25-0009 was approved on June 9, 2025, effective January 1, 2025.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at (857) 357-6375 or via email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Shantrina Roberts.

Shantrina Roberts, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Kristin Sousa, Interim Medicaid Program Director
Kathryn Thomas, Senior Economic and Policy Analyst

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 0 9

2. STATE

RI3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 412.106

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

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

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Supplement 4 to Attachment 3.1-A pages 1-5 (new)

Supplement 4 to Attachment 3.1-A pages 1-6 (new)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)Redacting Item #9 Clinic Services benefit from Attachment
3.1-A Supplement to page 4, page 4a TN#93-024.

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Four Walls Exception

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

Richard Carest

13. TITLE

Secretary, EOHHS

14. DATE SUBMITTED

3/26/2025

15. RETURN TO

EOHHS

3 West Road

Cranston, RI 02920

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

March 26, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

June 9, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 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

6/3/25: The State authorized the following pen & ink changes:

Box 7: Correct pagination

Box 8: Redacting Item #9 Clinic Services benefit from Attachment

3.1-A Supplement to page 4, page 4a TN#93-024.

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

State/Territory: Rhode Island

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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State/Territory: **R h o d e s l a n d**

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.]**:

- ☐ 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.]**

- ☐ 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].**

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Renal Dialysis Clinics [Select below if applicable.]:

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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.]☒

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

Ambulatory Surgical Centers limited to performing ambulatory surgical procedures as promulgated by CMS and must be licensed as Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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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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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:]**

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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.]:

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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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