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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 25-0017

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

May 26, 2026

Richard Charest, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
State of Rhode Island
3 West Road, Virks Building
Cranston, RI 02920

RE: TN 25-0017

Dear Secretary Charest:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Rhode Island state amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, RI-25-0017, which was submitted to CMS on December 17, 2025. This plan amendment modifies the effective date and adds fee schedule language for physician services and adds an effective date and fee schedule for interprofessional consultation services. Rhode Island is increasing the physician fee schedule to 100% of Medicare for certain evaluation and management, preventive care, and vaccine administration procedure codes and is adding interprofessional consultation services to the fee schedule.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 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 October 1, 2025. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Lindsay Michael at 410-786-7197 or Lindsay.Michael@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 5</u> — <u>0 0 1 7</u>	2. STATE <u>RI</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
October 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR § 440.50; 42 CFR § 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2026 \$ 23,665,000 **\$2,445,385**
b. FFY 2027 \$ 25,220,000 **\$2,581,211**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
**Attachment 4.19B, Page 1
Attachment 4.19B, Page 1a
Attachment 4.19B, Page 5**


8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
**Attachment 4.19B, Page 1 (TN 24-0016)
Attachment 4.19B, Page 1a (NEW)
Attachment 4.19B, Page 5 (TN 24-0010)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Interprofessional Consults and Primary Care Rates

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 Charest

13. TITLE
Secretary, EOHHS

14. DATE SUBMITTED
12/17/25

15. RETURN TO
EOHHS
3 West Road
Cranston, RI 02920

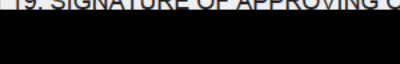
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16. DATE RECEIVED
12/17/25

17. DATE APPROVED
May 26, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
October 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL


20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS
4/22/26: State authorized pen n ink to fiscal impact:2026: \$2,445,385, 2027: \$2,581,211

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE
PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

- Fee structures will be established which are designed to enlist participation of a sufficient number of providers of services in the program so that eligible persons can receive the medical care and services included in the plan at least to the extent they are available.
- Participation in the program will be limited to providers of service who accept, as payment in full, the amounts paid in accordance with the fee structure.
- Payment for physician, dentist and other individual practitioner services will be equal to the lesser of the billed charge or the State's fee for that service. All rates are published and can be found at <https://eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules>. All governmental and private service providers are reimbursed according to the same published fee schedule. The Medical Assistance Program rates were set as of October 1, 2025 and are effective for services on or after that date.

The following is a description of the payment structure by items of service.

1. Inpatient hospital services: as described in attachment 4.19A.
2. Outpatient hospital services: The Medical Assistance Program will pay for outpatient hospital services using a fee schedule approach based on, but necessarily identical to, the Medicare outpatient prospective payment system. Specific provisions are as follows:
 - a. In general, payment will be by fee schedule, with the fee multiplied by the number of allowable units on the claim line. Fees will be derived as follows:
 - b. For visits, surgeries, imaging procedures, drugs, and other services where Medicare pays hospitals using Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) groups, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of outpatient hospital services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website at the address listed above. For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 outpatient rates will be increased by 7.2%. For the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, outpatient rates will be increase by 5.0%. For each state fiscal year thereafter, rates will be increased based on the change in the 'actual regulation market basket' as reflected in the CMS Outpatient Hospital Prospective Payment System Market Basket Update without productivity adjustment for the calendar year that contains the start of the current state fiscal year. The methodology above does not, however, apply to CPT code 41899, which is reimbursed at a rate equivalent of 95 percent of Medicare OPPS rate for G0330.
 - c. For physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of outpatient hospital services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website at the address listed above. For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 outpatient rates will be increased by 7.2%. For the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, outpatient rates will be increase by 5.0%. For each state fiscal year thereafter, rates will be increased based on the change in the 'actual regulation market basket' as reflected in the CMS Outpatient Hospital Prospective Payment System Market Basket Update without productivity adjustment for the calendar year that contains the start of the current state fiscal year.

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- d. For laboratory services with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, payment will be at the non-hospital community laboratory rate. The fees are effective for claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2016. The fee schedule can be found on the EOHHS website at the address listed above.

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4.
 - a. Early, periodic, screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) of individuals under 21 years of age: on the basis of a fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of EPSDT services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2024 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
 - i. Early Intervention services are reimbursed on the basis of a fee schedule. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2024 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
 - b. Family planning services, drugs and supplies for individuals of child-bearing age when such services are under the supervision of a physician, as determined according to the elements inherent in the family planning service or the drugs and contraceptive devices necessary: on the basis of a physician fee schedule and the pharmacy fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of family planning services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of April 1, 1993 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
5. Physicians' services: on the basis of a fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physicians' services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2025 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
 - a. Interprofessional Consultation services are reimbursed on the basis of a fee schedule. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2025 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
6. Medical care of any other type of remedial care recognized under State law furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by law limited to:
 - a. Podiatry services: on the basis of a fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of podiatry services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2015 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
 - b. Optometry services: on the basis of a fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of optometry services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2023 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
 - c. Chiropractors' services: on the basis of a fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of chiropractic services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2024 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).
7. Home Health Services: In order for EOHHS to calculate the applicable Home Health base rate, each provider must submit a completed General Application for Enhanced Home Health Reimbursement to EOHHS. Base rates, which are defined as the minimum reimbursement rate, are available on the fee schedule. Base rates plus any additional enhancements that the provider qualifies for are available at <https://eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/provider-directories/home-health-personal-care-assistant>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of home health services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2024 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the EOHHS website (eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/fee-schedules).