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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

October 14, 2025

Jennifer Strohecker Director Division of Integrated Healthcare Utah Department of Health and Human Services PO Box 143101 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3101

Re: Utah State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0021

Dear Director Strohecker:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0021. This amendment proposes an exception to the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program from November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2027.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, section 1902(a)(42)(B)(i) and implementing regulations. This letter informs you that Utah Medicaid SPA TN 25-0021 was approved on October 10, 2025, with an effective date of November 1, 2025.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Deines at 202-260-6048 or via email at Tyler.Deines@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

**Enclosures** 

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Subsection 1902(a)(42)(B) of the Social Security Act  7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Page 36b of Section 4.5	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  2 5 0 0 2 1 UT  3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  XIX  XXI  4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2025  6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a FFY 2026 \$ 0 b. FFY 2027 \$ 0  8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)		
	Page 36b of Section 4.5 (T.N. 23-0015)		
<ol> <li>SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT</li> <li>Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors - The state seeks to renew an exception to the program integrity requirement for recovery audit contractors.</li> </ol>			
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:		
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#### STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

	State:	UTAH	
SECTION 4 - GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (Continued)			

#### 4.5 Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor Program

### Citation The State has established a program under which it will Subsection 1902(a)(42)(B)(i) contract with one or more recovery audit contractors (RACs) of the Social Security Act for the purpose of identifying underpayments and overpayments of Medicaid claims under the State Plan and under any waiver of the State Plan. X The State seeks an exception to continue November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2027, and seeks to establish such program for the following reasons: Subsection 1902(a)(42)(B)(ii)(I) 1) The state is heavy managed care – Utah has of the Social Security Act approximately 80% of its population in managed care. 2) The state has a small FFS population – Utah only has approximately 20% of its population in FFS. 3) The state has robust "RAC-like" programs in place – Utah Medicaid tests claims to prevent improper payments when incorrect code combinations are reported and to prevent improper payments when services are reported with incorrect units of service. Additionally, the Utah Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, for many years, has had a statutory mandate to "investigate and identify Subsection1902(a)(42)(B)(ii)( potential or actual fraud, waste, or abuse in the state II)(aa) of the Social Security Medicaid program" (see UCA 63A-13-202(1)(d)). Act As a result of the above, Utah does not have sufficient opportunities for an RAC PI contractor.

T.N. #	25-0021	Approval Date 10-10-2025
Supersedes T.N. #	23-0015	Effective Date 11-1-2025