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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0006

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August 4, 2023

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Re: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0006

Dear Ms. Borja:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0006. Under the authority of Section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act, this amendment proposes to temporarily limit otherwise covered benefits for adult beneficiaries for the period June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 in response to the territory's federal funding shortfall.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 23-0006 is approved August 4, 2023, with an effective date of June 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Prehmus at 303-844-7472 or via email at Barbara.Prehmus@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Sophia A.
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Sophia A. Hinojosa, Acting Director
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Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>MP</u> <u>23</u> - <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>6</u>	2. STATE <u>MP</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 APRIL 1, 2023 June 1, 2023	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2023</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2024</u> \$ <u>0</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Supplement to Attachment 3.1B 3.1A	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) NEW Supplement to Attachment 3.1A	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

SECTION 3 - SERVICES: IMPACTS OF SERVICES DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO MEDICAID AGENCY CALLER BOX 10007 SAIPAN, MP 96950
12. TYPED NAME ARNOLD I. PALACIOS	
13. TITLE GOVERNOR	
14. DATE SUBMITTED 05/22/2023	

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16. DATE RECEIVED 5/21/2023	17. DATE APPROVED August 4, 2023
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 6/1/2023	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Sophia A. Hinojosa -S <small>Digitally signed by Sophia A Hinojosa S Date: 2023.08.04 10:20:44 -0600</small>
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Sophia A. Hinojosa	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Email received 6/2/23 authorizing Pen & Ink change to Box 1 to reflect submission year.

Email received 8/1/23 authorizing Pen & Ink changes to Box 4 to correct effective date to 6/1/23, to add "0s" to Box 6, and to correct Boxes 7 and 8 to reflect Supplement to Attachment 3.1A.

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SECTION 3 - SERVICES: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services

The following services, as described on the following pages, will be provided to those determined to be eligible for Medicaid:

a. SERVICES	<u>ON-ISLAND</u>	<u>OFF-ISLAND*</u>
1.) INPATIENT HOSPITAL	X	X
2.) OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL	X	X
3.) OTHER LABORATORY & X-RAY	X	X
4.) SKILLED NURSING SERVICES	X	X
5.) PHYSICIAN SERVICES	X	X
6.) MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER ¹	X*	X
7.) HOME HEALTH SERVICES	X*	X
8.) PRIVATE DUTY NURSING		
9.) CLINIC SERVICES	X	X
10.) DENTAL SERVICES ¹	X	X
11.) PHYSICAL THERAPY ¹	X	X
12.) PRESCRIBED DRUGS, DENTURES AND PROSTHETIC DEVICES ¹	X*	X
13.) DIAGNOSTIC, SCREENING, PREVENTIVE AND REHAB SERVICES		
14.) 65 OR OLDER IN INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASE		
15.) INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY SERVICES		
16.) INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY SERVICES		
17.) NURSE-MIDWIFE SERVICES	X	X

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SERVICES CONTINUED	<u>ON-ISLAND</u>	<u>OFF-ISLAND*</u>
18.) HOSPICE CARE ¹	X	X
19.) CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES		
20.) EXTENDED SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ¹	X	X
21.) AMBULATORY PRENATAL CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN		
22.) RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES		
23.) CERTIFIED PEDIATRIC OR FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER'S SERVICES	X	X
24.) ANY OTHER MEDICAL CARE AND ANY OTHER TYPE OF REMEDIAL CARE ¹	X*	X
25.) HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE		
26.) PESONAL SERVICES CARE		

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* All services provided off-island are covered only if prior authorization has been obtained. In addition, on-island services marked with an asterisk also require prior authorization.

*Home health services are covered with prior authorization. Only services provided by a Medicare-certified Home Health Agency will be covered.

Under the waiver authority of Section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act, the CNMI has limited, reduced, or suspended services as described in the 3.1-A pages.

The limitations, reductions or suspensions of services are applicable to both on and off-island services unless otherwise stated in this section.

Children ages 0-20 years are excluded from the limitations, reductions, or suspensions of services for the purposes of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

These limitations, reductions, or suspensions will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language.

1 Attachment 3.1-A specifies limitations on these services.

b) Definitions and Description of Services

As noted in the proceeding list a) above, and in the following descriptions, some services are only provided off-island. The following definitions and descriptions apply for all services whether provided on or off-island:

- i) "Patient" means an individual receiving needed professional services which are directed by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts towards the maintenance, improvement, or protection of health, or lessening of illness, disability, or pain.
- ii) "Outpatient" means a patient who is receiving professional services at an organized medical facility, or distinct part of such a facility, who is expected by the facility to receive and who does receive professional services for less than a 24-hour period regardless of the hour of admission, whether or not a bed is used, or whether or not the patient remains in the facility past midnight.

1. 42 CFR 440.10: Inpatient Services On and Off-Island

All acute inpatient services, other than services in an institution for tuberculosis or mental disease that are furnished in a hospital for the professional care and treatment of patients on a continuous 24-hour-a-day basis:

- Acute Medical
- Acute Surgical

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- Acute Pediatric
- Acute Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Intensive Care

These services must be provided in a facility that is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid provider.

2. 42 CFR 440.20: Outpatient Hospital Services On and Off -Island

On-island outpatient hospital services will be restricted to the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation or a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

For specialty care services not available on the island, the Health Network Program under the administration of the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation may determine and authorize services for medically necessary and emergency purposes for treatment outside of the CNMI.

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by a written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Preventive, diagnostic; therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative services that are furnished on an outpatient basis by or under the direction of a physician or dentist in an institution that is licensed or formally approved as a hospital by an officially designated authority for State standard setting and meets the requirements for participation in Medicare. On-island, these services will be provided through formally organized and regularly scheduled hospital outpatient clinics operated by the CNMI Government.

On-island outpatient services will be provided by the governmentally-owned Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's medical providers and its facilities at the: Commonwealth Health Center, Rota Health Center, Tinian Health Center, Public Health Clinics, and Transitional Living Center.

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The only exception is if the outpatient services are not available at any of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's facilities and prior authorization is obtained. Prior authorizations are granted when a certification from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, stating that services are not available at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, is attached to the request.

3. 42 CFR 440.30: Other Laboratory and X-ray Services On and Off-Island

Laboratory and x-ray services will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Other laboratory and X-ray services mean professional and technical laboratory and radiological services that are ordered and provided by or under the direction of a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his practice as defined by State law. Such services are provided in an office or similar facility other than a hospital outpatient department or clinic. They are provided by a laboratory that meets the requirements for participation in Medicare at Part 493.

4. 42 CFR 440.40: Skilled Nursing Services

4a. Nursing Facility (NF) Services On and Off-Island

Nursing Facility Services are provided to individuals age 21 or older, other than services in an institution for tuberculosis or mental disease. These services are needed on a daily basis and are required to be provided on a regular basis, health-related services to individuals who do not require hospital care, but whose mental or physical condition requires services that (1) Are above the level of room and board and post-hospital extended care services under 42 CFR Section 440.40(a) and 440.155. NF services are provided by a facility

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or distinct part of a facility that is certified to meet the requirements for participation in Medicare, and are ordered by and provided under the direction of a physician.

4b. Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) On and Off-Island.

EPSDT services are screening and diagnostic services to determine physical or mental defects in recipients under age 21 and health care, treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate any defects and conditions discovered. These services are provided through the well-baby clinic, school health, and physical examination clinics.

4c. Family Planning Services On-Island

Family Planning Services will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Family planning services and supplies are provided to individuals of childbearing age.

Provided with no limitations.

4d. Tobacco Cessations Counseling for Pregnant Women Provided On-Island

A. Provider Eligibility Requirements - Qualified enrolled licensed Medicaid providers practicing within their scope of practice to provide tobacco counseling services to eligible Medicaid recipients.

B. Benefit Limitations

1. Face-to-face counseling for at least four sessions of at least 30 minutes each.
2. Prior Authorization is required for extended treatment duration past 90 days (24 weeks for varenicline) and number of quit attempts exceeding 2 per year.

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5. 42 CFR 440.50: Physician Services On and Off-Island

Physician Services will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by a written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Physicians' services are services provided within the scope of practice of medicine or osteopathy as defined by State law and by or under the personal supervision of an individual licensed under State law to practice medicine or osteopathy.

6. 42 CFR 440.60: Medical Care or Other Remedial Care On and Off-Island

Medical and other types of remedial care mean any medical or remedial care or services other than physicians' services provided by licensed practitioners within the scope of practice as defined under State law.

6a. Podiatrists' services.

Not Provided.

6b. Optometrists' Services On and Off-Island

Provided.

6c. Chiropractors' Services

Not Provided.

6d. Other Practitioners' Services On and Off-Island

Other practitioners' services means any medical care or services provided by a professional practitioner of the medical arts other than a physician who is currently licensed to practice under State law within the scope of practice as defined by State law.

Medical care or any other type of remedial care, other than physician services, will be provided by licensed practitioners within the scope of practice defined under CNMI law.

A participating practitioner, public or private, must meet the following requirements:

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- A. CNMI-Licensed Clinical psychologist, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.
- B. Signed agreement to participate with and abide by the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Medicaid Program.

7. 42 CFR 440.70: Home Health Services On and Off-Island

Home Health Services will be restricted to Skilled Nursing services only upon medical certification of necessity by a licensed physician or practitioner from the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation or an FQHC.

Physical Therapy and Home Health Aide services will be suspended.

Durable Medical Equipment will be restricted to monthly rental only. Accessories required for the use of a DME and Medical supplies will be restricted to critical cases.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Home health services are services provided to a patient on orders from a physician as part of a written plan of care that the physician reviews every 60. days. Such services are provided in the patient's residence on-island or in a temporary residence while authorized for off-island care before returning to his permanent residence, 'as part of a post-hospital care program. These services are provided only as an alternative to more costly inpatient or skilled nursing services. These services include:

- A. Nursing services, as defined in the State Nursing Practice Act, that are provided on a part-time or intermittent basis by a public or private home health agency or organization which meets the requirements for participation in Medicare.
- B. Home health aide services provided by a home health agency.
- C. Medical supplies and equipment suitable for use in the patient's residence.
- D. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and audiology services provided. by a home health agency or by a facility licensed by the state to provide medical rehabilitation services.
 - Must be a Medicare-certified home health agency.
 - Must be medically necessary.
 - The fact that a provider has prescribed, recommended, or approved the services or items does not, in itself, make such services or items medically necessary or a covered service. The Medicaid Agency will make a determination upon review of the claim and/or medical record.

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- Home Health Services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.70.
- Therapy services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110.
- Physical therapy services provided by the Home health agency must be provided by a qualified physical therapist who is a graduate of a program of physical therapy approved by both the Council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the American Physical Therapy Association or its equivalent and licensed to practice in the CNMI, in accordance with 42 CFR 440.120(c).
- Medical supplies and durable medical equipment other than wheelchairs must come from a Medicare-certified medical supplier.

Wheelchairs:

- Must be prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Must have prior authorization by the Medicaid agency.
- Must be provided by a Medicare-certified DME supplier.
- Only one wheelchair is allowed every 5 years.
- Only standard, manually-operated wheelchairs are covered. Motorized chairs including its replacement parts are not covered.
- Repair and maintenance of the wheelchair requires prior authorization by the Medicaid agency and must be due to normal wear and tear only.

8. 42 CFR 440.80: Private Duty Nursing Services

Not Provided.

9. 42 CFR 440.90: Clinic Services On and Off-Island

Clinical Services will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Rota Health Center and Tinian Health Center are excluded from these restrictions. Dialysis services are excluded from any restrictions.

Exceptions for all other clinic services may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by a written authorization signed by the designated staff.

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These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative nature services are provided to outpatients by or under the direction of a physician or dentist by a facility that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients.

10. 42 CFR 440.100: Dental Services On and Off-Island

Dental services are suspended.

This suspension will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Diagnostic, preventive and corrective procedures provided by or under the supervision of a dentist in the practice of dentistry, including treatment of the teeth and associated structures of the oral cavity, or treatment of disease, injury, or impairment that may affect the oral or general health of the patient.

- Orthodontics, prosthetics, and root canal are not covered services.
- Coverage of oral surgery is limited to emergencies.
- Coverage is limited to age 20 and under, unless it is necessary for relief of pain and infection only.

11. 42 CFR 440.110: Physical Therapy and Related Services On and Off-Island

Physical Therapy and Related Services are suspended.

This suspension will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Services provided to a patient that are prescribed by a physician provided by or under the direction of a qualified physical therapist who is a graduate of a program of physical therapy approved by both the Council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the American Physical Therapy Association or its equivalent and licensed to practice by the State.

12. 42 CFR 440.120: Prescribed Drugs, Prosthetic Devices, and Eyeglasses On and Off-island

Services within this category will be limited or suspended as described in 12a, 12b and 12c.

These limitations and suspensions will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

"Prescribed Drugs" means simple or compound substances or mixtures of substances prescribed for the cure, mitigation, or prevention of disease, or for health maintenance that are prescribed by a physician or

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other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his professional practice in accordance with the State Medical Practice Act. Such drugs must be dispensed by licensed, authorized pharmacists or practitioners on a written prescription that is recorded and maintained in the pharmacist's or practitioner's record in accordance with the State Medical Practice Act.

"Prosthetic devices" means a replacement, corrective, or supportive devices prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his practice as defined by State law to artificially replace a missing portion of the body; to prevent or correct physical deformity or malfunction; or to support a weak or deformed portion of the body.

"Eyeglasses" means lenses, including frames, and other aids to vision prescribed by a physician skilled in disease of the eye or an optometrist.

12.a. Prescribed Drugs

Prescription drugs will be limited to a maximum of 30-day supply.

No early refills or vacation supplies will be authorized. All new, first-line therapy drugs must be dispensed in generic unless there is a doctor's certification for brand name medication for beneficiaries who cannot take generic drugs.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

- Consistent with the authority described in section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act, the requirement for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to comply with the requirements of section 1902(a)(54) of the Social Security Act is waived. As a result, CNMI is not required to comply with the applicable requirements of section 1927 of the Social Security Act or the implementing regulations at 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart I.
- Prescribed drugs must be prescribed by a licensed physician or practitioner as defined by federal and CNMI law.
- Coverage for brand-name medications is excluded when they are not listed in the CNMI Medicaid Drug Formulary or when an FDA-approved A-rated generic equivalent is available. Prior approval is necessary if the drug is exempted.
- Limited to 30-day supply unless a larger quantity is required for off-island travel. Any quantity larger than a 30-day supply must have prior authorization from the Medicaid Agency.
- Investigational drugs or listed as "less than effective" drugs are not covered.
- Excluded Drugs, even when prescribed by a physician or other authorized provider are not covered:

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- Tetrahydrocannabinol, Marinol or any form of cannabinoids, medical marijuana, or marijuana alternative
 - For Weight loss
 - For Erectile dysfunction
 - For Promotion of fertility
 - That do not have a National Drug Code (NDC)
- A limitation of six (6) filled prescriptions per month. The only exception is if the doctor has submitted to the Medicaid Agency a "Medical Plan of Care" and prior approval is granted.

12b. Dentures

Not Provided.

12c. Prosthetic Devices On-Island

Prosthetic Devices are suspended.

This suspension will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

- Must be prescribed by a licensed physician or other licensed practitioner in accordance with 42 CFR 440.120(c).
- Repair and maintenance of prosthetic devices or other medical equipment requires prior authorization by the Medicaid agency.
- Prosthetics, in accordance with 42 CFR 440.120(c), are used to artificially replace a missing portion of the body; prevent or correct physical deformity or malfunction; or support a weak or deformed portion of the body.

Hearings Aids:

- Must be prescribed by a certified audiologist or by a licensed physician in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110.
- Must have prior authorization by the Medicaid agency.

12d. Eyeglasses On-Island

Eyeglasses are suspended.

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This suspension will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

- Must be prescribed by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist.
- Lenses may be for single-vision or standard.
- Tinted or coated lenses are not covered unless for individuals with aphakia.
- Only plastic frames are covered unless metal frames are less expensive.
- Contact lenses are not covered.
- Only one pair of eyeglasses will be covered every two years. There is a \$100.00 LIMITATION ON COST OF frames.
- Lost or broken glasses for individuals over 20 will not be covered within two years.
- REFRACTIIVE PROCEDURES are not covered.

13. 42 CFR 440.130: Diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan

13a. Diagnostic services

Not Provided.

13b. Screening services

Not Provided.

13c. Preventive services

Not Provided.

13d. Rehabilitative services

Not Provided.

14. 42 CFR 440.140: Services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for mental diseases.

Not Provided.

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15. 42 CFR 440.50: Intermediate care facility services (other than such services in an institution for mental diseases) for persons determined in accordance with section 1902(a)(31)(A) of the Act, to be in need of such care.

Not Provided.

16. 42 CFR.160: Inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals under 22 years of age.

Not Provided.

17. 42 CFR 440.165: Nurse-midwife services On and Off-Island

Provided.

18. Hospice care (in accordance with section 1905(0) of the Act On and Off-Island

Provided with limitations.

Lifetime maximum of one hundred eighty (180) days and certified as terminally ill.

19. 42 CFR 440.169: Case management services and Tuberculosis related services.

Not Provided.

20. Extended services for pregnant women On and Off-Island

Extended services for pregnant women will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

20a. Pregnancy-Related and Postpartum Services

Pregnant women, who were eligible for, applied for, and received medical assistance under the CNMI

Medicaid General Waiver and Operational Plan will be provided all pregnancy-related and postpartum services until the end of the 60-day period beginning on the last date of their pregnancy.

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20b. Services that may complicate Pregnancy

Pregnant women services, including prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services, and any other medical conditions that may complicate the pregnancy, are provided.

21. Ambulatory Prenatal Care

Not Provided.

22. Respiratory Care Services

Not Provided.

23. 42 CFR 440.166: Certified pediatric or family nurse practitioners' services On and Off-Island

Certified Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioner Services will be restricted to CHCC and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Exceptions may be made if CHCC or the FQHC is unable to provide the services in a timely manner by written authorization signed by the designated staff.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Provided.

24. 42 CFR 440.170: Any other medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary.

24a. Transportation On and Off-island

Commercial air transportation for the purposes of medical referral will be restricted to emergency purposes when the need for off-island transportation is critical as determined by the Medical Referral Committee.

These limitations will sunset on 10-1-2023 and the state plan will revert to the previously approved language below.

Commercial air transportation costs within CNMI to and from the Commonwealth Health Center and commercial air transportation to and from facilities outside the CNMI are provided by the Medicaid Agency. Such airfare costs are provided to patients and their escorts as authorized by the Medical Referral Committee in accordance with its policies and procedures for necessary medical care not available in the CNMI. Ground transportation is provided by the Medical Referral Office on Guam or in Honolulu, or by a licensed ambulance service. Ambulance services within the CNMI are provided by the Department of

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Public Safety in cases of emergencies.

Ambulance Services:

Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation:

Must be medically necessary, whereas, the use of any other method of transportation would be hazardous to the patient's health, whether or not any other methods of transportation are available.

No coverage when used for the convenience of the patient, family, staff, or doctor, or because other means of transportation were not available at the time. The patient's condition at the time of transport is the determining factor for a covered trip.

Medicaid will not pay for non-emergency ambulance service unless the patient is unable to get out of bed without assistance, and unable to walk, and unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair, and/or that transportation by any other means would pose a hazard to the patient's health and these items must be documented ahead of time in patient records by a physician.

Prior authorization is required.

24b. Services provided in Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions.

Not Provided.

24c. Reserved.

Not Provided.

24d. Nursing Facility Services for Patients Under 21 Years On and Off-Island

Provided with limitations.

Nursing facility services for patients under 21 years old means services that provided to recipients under 21 years old on an inpatient basis by a Nursing Facility Services.

24e. Emergency Hospital Services On and Off-Island

A. Emergency hospital services means:

1. Services necessary to prevent the death or serious impairment of the health of a recipient; and

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2. Services provided by the most accessible hospital available that is equipped to furnish the services because of the threat to the life of health of the recipient even if the hospital does not currently meet:
 - a. The conditions for participation under Medicare; or
 - b. The definition of inpatient or outpatient hospital services under the CNMI Medicaid General Waiver and Operational Plan,

B. Benefit Limitations

Emergency services, as described above, are provided to eligible recipients and illegal aliens if they meet all other eligibility criteria.

24f. Personal care services in Recipient's Home

Not Provided.

25. Home and Community Care for Functionally Disabled Elderly Individuals, as defined, described and limited in Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A, and Appendices A-G to Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A.

Not Provided.

26. Personal care services furnished to an individual who is not an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, or institution for mental disease that are (A) authorized for the individual by a physician in accordance with a plan of treatment, (B) provided by an individual who is qualified to provide such services and who is not a member of the individual's family, and (C) furnished in a home.

Not Provided.