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REGION VIII - DENVER

August 30, 2018

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Bimestefer:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0001. This amendment revises the home maintenance allowance for institutionalized persons to reflect the current housing costs in Colorado.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).



If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Gretchen Hammer
John Bartholomew
David DeNovellis
Russell Ziegler
Whitney McOwen

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-0001	2. STATE: COLORADO
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN X AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR Section 435.725(d)		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2017-18: \$0 b. FFY 2018-19: \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 2.6-A – Eligibility Conditions and Requirements – Maintenance of Home (Page 5a)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 2.6-A – Eligibility Conditions and Requirements – Maintenance of Home (Page 5a) (01-001)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This amendment will update the calculation of the Nursing Facility Home Maintenance Allowance. The change will make the allowance more accurately reflect and account for Colorado housing costs.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor's letter dated 29 March, 2018 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818 Attn: David DeNovellis	
13. TYPED NAME: Gretchen Hammer			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: Initial: July 5, 2018 Update #1: July 18, 2018			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED July 5, 2018		18. DATE APPROVED August 30, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL July 1, 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS			

State: Colorado

Citation	Condition or Requirement
_____	Amount for maintenance of home is: \$
<u>X</u>	Amount for maintenance of home is the actual maintenance costs not to exceed the Individual Needs Standard less 105% of the Federal Poverty Level (according to the tables most recently published as of January 1st of the calendar year) for a household of 1. The Individual Needs Standard is determined as follows: 1. HCPF will calculate an Individual Needs Standard by dividing the Federal Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance maximum, by the Federal Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance in place on January 1 st of each Calendar Year; the result of this division will be multiplied by 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (according to the tables most recently published as of January 1st of the calendar year) for a household of 1. Claimable utility costs will be limited to the lessor of the following amounts: a. The standard utility allowance used by Colorado under 7 U.S.C. 2014(e) (2018) Or, b. The individual's actual utility expenses
_____	Amount for maintenance of home is deductible when countable income is determined under §1924(d)(1) of the Act only if the individuals' home and the community spouse's home are different.
_____	Amount for maintenance of home is not deductible when countable income is determined under §1924(d)(1) of the Act.