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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: ND-15-0001

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Ms. Julie Schwab, Director
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Re: North Dakota 15-0001

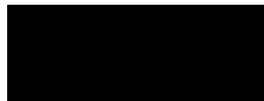
Dear Ms. Schwab:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0001. Effective for services on or after January 1, 2015, this amendment updates the State plan to provide for a three percent inflationary rate increase; and, updates the nursing facility limit rates.


We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30) and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment TN 15-0001 is approved effective January 1, 2015. The HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Storey at (303) 844-7044.


Sincerely,



Timothy Hill
Director

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-001	2. STATE North Dakota
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2015	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY <u>2015</u> \$ <u>1,791,978</u> b. FFY <u>2016</u> \$ <u>3,377,192</u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-D, Subsection 1, pages 46 & 47		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-D, Subsection 1, pages 46 & 47	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Identify the increase for Nursing Facility Services for January 1, 2015			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <u>Delegated to Single State Medicaid agency</u> <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Maggie D. Anderson, Executive Director ND Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue Dept 325 Bismarck ND 58505-0250	
13. TYPED NAME: Maggie D. Anderson			
14. TITLE: Executive Director, ND Dept. of Human Services			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 10, 2015			

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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 14 2015
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JAN 01 2015	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin FAN	22. TITLE: Deputy Director, FMG
23. REMARKS:	

Section 24 – Adjustment Factors for Direct Care, Other Direct Care and Indirect Care Costs

1. An appropriate economic change index may be used for purposes of adjusting historical costs for direct care, other direct care, and indirect care and for purposes of adjusting limitations of direct care costs, other direct care costs, and indirect care costs, but may not be used to adjust property costs.
2. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2009 the appropriate economic change index is five percent.
3. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2010 the appropriate economic change index is six percent.
4. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2011 the appropriate economic change index is six percent.
5. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2012 the appropriate economic change index is three percent.
6. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2013 the appropriate economic change index is three percent.
7. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2014 the appropriate economic change index is three percent.
8. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2015 the appropriate economic change index is three percent.

Section 25 - Rate Limits and Incentives

1. Limits - All facilities except those nongeriatric facilities for individuals with physical disabilities or units within a nursing facility providing geropsychiatric services described in Section 5 - Exclusions must be used to establish a limit rate for the Direct Care, Other Direct Care, and Indirect Care cost categories. The base year is the report year ended June 30, 2010. Base year costs may not be adjusted in any manner or for any reason not provided for in this section.
 - a. The limit rate for each of the cost categories will be established as follows:
 - (1) Historical costs for the report year ended June 30, 2010, as adjusted must be used to establish rates for all facilities in the Direct Care, Other Direct Care and Indirect Care cost categories. The rates as established must be ranked from low to high for each cost category.
 - (2) For the rate year beginning January 1, 2015, the limit rate for each cost category is:
 - (a) For the Direct Care cost category, \$167.81;
 - (b) For the Other Direct Care cost category, \$27.86; and
 - (c) For the Indirect Care cost category, \$71.67.
 - (3), (4), and (5) have been vacated.