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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Financial Management Group

Jeffery A. Meyers, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
State of New Hampshire
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: New Hampshire SPA 18-0013

November 1, 2018

Dear Commissioner Meyers:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0013. Effective July 26, 2018, this amendment revises reimbursement for nursing facility services. Specifically, it proposes a one-time supplemental payment, funded by the state Nursing Facility Quality Assessment Tax (NFQA), in lieu of the July payment under the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program (MQIP).



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 and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 18-0013 is approved effective July 26, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Novena James-Hailey at (617) 565-1291.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Kristin Fan.

Kristin Fan
Director

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-0013	2. STATE NH
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 July 26, 2018	
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: SSA 1902(a)(13) and 42 CFR Part 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 2018: \$1,043,586	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19D, page 31(d.8)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19D, page 31(d.8) TN 18-0006	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Nursing Facility MQIP July payment			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: comments, if any, will follow <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Dawn Landry Division of Medicaid Services/Brown Building Department of Health and Human Services 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301	
13. TYPED NAME: Jeffrey A. Meyers		17. DATE RECEIVED:	
14. TITLE: Commissioner		18. DATE APPROVED: NOV 01 2018	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 09/25/2018		FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL 26 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan		22. TITLE: Director, FMG	
23. REMARKS:			

Attachment 4.19D		ITEM B	PAGE 31(d.8)
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	SUBJECT NURSING FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT		DATE SR

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f(1). Supplemental Medicaid Nursing Home Payment

Licensed CMS nursing facilities, both private and county operated, which provide Medicaid nursing home services shall be eligible to receive a supplemental nursing home payment. Payments are made quarterly in the month following the quarter. Payments are made in July, October, January, and April, and are based on the prior three months of Medicaid paid dates of service applicable for that quarter with the exception of the July 2018 payment (see below). The purpose of the supplemental payment is to eliminate or reduce to the maximum extent possible the difference between the facility's allowable Medicaid costs and the per diem payments made to such facility which are derived from the nursing facility Medicaid acuity rate setting system multiplied by the budget adjustment factor in Section 9999.8, page 29(f), item 8 b.

The quarterly payment methodology is as follows:

1. The Department will allocate the supplemental pool quarterly among the eligible licensed nursing facilities. The pool for the April 2018 quarterly payment shall be \$18,386,824. On a quarterly basis, the Department shall furnish to the facilities, before supplemental payments are processed, a calculation exhibit which identifies each facility's calculated rate and supplemental payment for that quarter.
2. The supplemental pool shall be distributed based on each nursing facility's relative share of total Medicaid paid nursing home days as calculated by the NH Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). The total paid Medicaid nursing home days for the April 2018 quarterly payment is 375,770. Relative share shall equal each facility's total paid Medicaid nursing home days per the MMIS divided by the total of all nursing home paid Medicaid days (per the MMIS) for all facilities. (Facility total paid Medicaid nursing home days divided by total Medicaid nursing home paid days = relative share) x (supplemental pool \$\$) = supplemental payment.
3. For the July 2018 payment only, eligible licensed nursing facilities shall receive a one-time supplemental payment from the July quarterly pool amount of \$22,019, 315. The distribution of the supplemental pool will be weighted based on fourth quarter 2018 utilization data for each facility as compared to total utilization of services for that same time period and paid out based upon services provided on or after July 26, 2018.

TN No: 18-0013
Supersedes
TN No: 18-0006

Approval Date: 11/01/2018

Effective Date: 07/26/2018