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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 20-0003

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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

February 26, 2020

Lori Shibinette RN, MBA, NHA
Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Commissioner Shibinette:

Enclosed is an approved copy of New Hampshire's (NH) State Plan Amendment (SPA) No 20-0003 entitled, "*NEMT Contract Extension with Reimbursement Methodology Change*" which transmitted language to amend the NH Title XIX State plan to specify in the state plan that effective January 1, 2020, the state is changing the non-emergency medical transportation reimbursement methodology for a six-month time-period. This represents a six-month contract extension, giving the state time to issue a Request for Proposals for a new NEMT contract. The reimbursement methodology is changing from a PMPM risk capitated rate, which includes the cost of transportation and administration to a capped administrative PMPM rate and a fee for service for direct transportation costs.

This state plan amendment was submitted in the quarter ending March 31, 2020 for an effective date of January 1, 2020. If you have any further questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at (857) 338-0554 or by e-mail at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

James Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Henry Lipman, State Medicaid Director
Diane Peterson, Medicaid Business and Policy

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
20-0003

2. STATE
NH

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
January 1, 2020

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)
 NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 440.170

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT
FFY 2020: \$174,598
FFY 2021: NA

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1-A, Addendum 1, Page 3
Attachment 3.1-B, Addendum 1, Page 3
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9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if Applicable)
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Attachment 3.1-D, Page 1, TN 16-003

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
NEMT Contract Extension with Reimbursement Methodology Change

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
comments, if any, will follow
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 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 Bill Brooks, Director
Division of Medicaid Field Operations-South

13. TYPED NAME Kerrin A. Rounds

14. TITLE Acting Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED 01/13/2020

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17. DATE RECEIVED 01/13/2020

18. DATE APPROVED 02/26/2020

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
01/01/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
/s/

21. TYPED NAME James Scott

22. TITLE Director
Division of Program Operations

23. REMARKS
Per ems inquiry of 1/14/2020, SPA was missing Att 3.1-D. Per + mk to Boxes 8 + 9 to include this page.

24. Transportation - Non-emergency (continued)

X (5) Payment Methodology

(A) Please describe the methodology used by the State to pay the broker:

The broker will be paid a capped administrative per member per month rate and a payment for direct transportation costs which was negotiated and based on fees for the services provided. The broker pays their transportation providers the same negotiated rates for the direct transportation costs as they receive from the state.

(B) Please describe how the transportation provider will be paid:

The commercial transportation providers will be paid based on the contracted rate agreed to with the broker. Friends and family will be paid a mileage rate by the broker and/or for receipts submitted for bus and rail travel.

X (C) The State assures that no agreement (contractual or otherwise) exists between the State or any form of local government and the transportation broker to return or redirect any of the Medicaid payment to the State or form of local government (directly or indirectly). This assurance is not intended to interfere with the ability of a transportation broker to contract for transportation services at a lesser rate and credit any savings to the program.

X (D) The State assures that payments proposed under this State plan amendment will be made directly to transportation providers and that the transportation provider payments are fully retained by the transportation providers and no agreement (contractual or otherwise) exists between the State or local government and the transportation provider to return or redirect any of the Medicaid payment to the State or form of local government (directly or indirectly).

____ (E) The State has included Federal Medicaid matching funds as State match when drawing down FTA SAFETEA-LU grants. (not applicable; law has expired)

X (6) The broker is a non-governmental entity:

X The broker is not itself a provider of transportation nor does it refer to or subcontract with any entity with which it has a prohibited financial relationship as described at 42 CFR 440.170(4)(ii).

____ The broker is itself a provider of transportation or subcontracts with or refers to an entity with which it has a prohibited financial relationship and:

____ Transportation is provided in a rural area as defined at 42 CFR 412.62(f) and there is no other available Medicaid participating provider or other provider determined by the State to be qualified except the non-governmental broker.

23. Transportation - Non-emergency (continued)

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ASSURANCE OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Necessary transportation of recipients to and from Medicaid providers of Medicaid covered services is assured by payment for transportation and transportation related services as follows:

1. The Department contracts with a transportation broker for the management of non-emergency transportation services. This broker is responsible for (a) maintaining an adequate transportation network via broker subcontracts, (b) assisting recipients in accessing appropriate and cost effective transportation to Medicaid covered medical, pharmacy, and dental services, and (c) processing the payment of claims for transportation to these services. The broker approves and arranges all non-emergency transport including by private individual (friends and family), taxi, bus, wheelchair van, and non-emergency (scheduled and routine) ambulance.
2. Ambulance and air ambulance services for emergency medical conditions are covered as a state plan service.
3. Requests for transportation related services are referred to the Department's medical, clinical services unit who confirms the necessity of the transportation and the transportation related services and prior authorizes such services.

The local district office eligibility worker or social worker, or the state office customer service unit, informs Medicaid recipients of the availability of necessary medical transportation coverage and also refers recipients to the transportation broker as appropriate. The eligibility worker, social worker, or customer service unit also provides any help that recipients may need regarding the availability of necessary medical transportation that is not required to be arranged through the broker. However, the primary contact point for non-emergency transportation services is the broker. Recipients also receive notification of the availability of transportation services on various Medicaid publications, websites, and on the Medicaid card insert.

Other than payment for ambulance or air ambulance for emergency conditions, payment for medical transportation is as specified in the broker contract and is based on a capped administrative per member per month (pmpm) rate to the broker, a payment to the broker for direct transportation costs which was negotiated based on fees for the services provided, and a payment made by the broker to their transportation providers using the same negotiated rates for direct transportation costs that the broker receives from the state, and which takes into account the following considerations:

- The transportation shall be to obtain necessary medical services that are Medicaid coverable categories of services as listed in the Social Security Act, Section 1905(a);
- The transportation to the medical service shall not otherwise be available free of charge or payable by any other agency;
- The pmpm, in concert with contract provisions, encourages an adequate transportation network within proximity to the nearest, available provider of the necessary medical service;
- Transportation out of area (states other than NH, MA, ME, VT) requires prior authorization

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