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July 15, 2020

Lori Shibinette RN, MBA, NHA Commissioner Department of Health and Human Services 129 Pleasant St. Concord, NH 03301

Re: New Hampshire State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0036

Dear Commissioner Shibinette:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to add section 7.4 Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency to your Medicaid state plan, as submitted under transmittal number (TN) 20-0036. This amendment proposes to implement temporary policies, which are different from those policies and procedures otherwise applied under your Medicaid state plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof).

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency by the authorities vested in him by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (Act). On March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Act, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act as a result of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent necessary, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse. This authority took effect as of 6PM Eastern Standard Time on March 15, 2020, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020. The emergency period will terminate, and this state plan provision will no longer be in effect, upon termination of the public health emergency, including any extensions.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. 430.20 that the state submit SPAs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the final day of the quarter, to obtain a SPA effective date during the quarter, enabling SPAs submitted after the last day of the quarter to have an effective date in a previous quarter, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency.

The modification of the requirement related to SPA submission timelines applies only with respect to SPAs that meet the following criteria: (1) the SPA provides or increases beneficiary access to items and services related to COVID-19 (such as by waiving or eliminating cost sharing, increasing payment rates or amending ABPs to add services or providers); (2) the SPA does not restrict or limit payment or services or otherwise burden beneficiaries and providers; and (3) the SPA is temporary, with a specified sunset date that is not later than the last day of the declared COVID-19 public health emergency (or any extension thereof). We nonetheless encourage states to make all relevant information about the SPA available to the public so they are aware of the changes.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at section 1902(a) of the Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that New Hampshire's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 20-0036 is approved effective March 1, 2020. This SPA is in addition to the Disaster Relief SPA #1, NH 20-0034, approved on May 22, 2020 and Disaster Relief SPA #2, NH 20-0032, approved on June 2, 2020 and does not supersede anything approved in those SPAs.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form and the approved state plan pages.

Please contact Joyce Butterworth at (857) 338-0554 or by email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions about this approval. We appreciate the efforts of you and your staff in responding to the needs of the residents of the State of New Hampshire and the health care community.

Sincerely,

Anne M.

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Anne Marie Costello Deputy Director Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

Enclosures

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TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE March 1, 2020	10/-
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Pages 23 to 32		
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14. TITLE Associate Commissioner	129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301	
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Section 7 – General Provisions 7.4. Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency

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The State Medicaid agency (agency) seeks to implement the policies and procedures described below, which are different than the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the Medicaid state plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof), or for any shorter period described below:

Desc	ribe shorte	r period here.
(or a	ny renewa	nay not elect a period longer than the Presidential or Secretarial emergency declaration I thereof). States may not propose changes on this template that restrict or limit ces, or eligibility, or otherwise burden beneficiaries and providers.
Requ	est for Wa	nivers under Section 1135
<u>X</u>	_ The age	ncy seeks the following under section 1135(b)(1)(C) and/or section 1135(b)(5) of the Act:
	a.	X SPA submission requirements – the agency requests modification of the requirement to submit the SPA by March 31, 2020, to obtain a SPA effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020, pursuant to 42 CFR 430.20.
	b.	Public notice requirements – the agency requests waiver of public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to this SPA submission. These requirements may include those specified in 42 CFR 440.386 (Alternative Benefit Plans),
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		42 CFR 447.57(c) (premiums and cost sharing), and 42 CFR 447.205 (public notice of changes in statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates).
	C.	Tribal consultation requirements – the agency requests modification of tribal consultation timelines specified in [insert name of state] Medicaid state plan, as described below:
		Please describe the modifications to the timeline.
Sectio	n A – Eliş	gibility
1.	describ	The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following optional groups of individuals are din section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) or 1902(a)(10)(c) of the Act. This may include the new all group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) and 1902(ss) of the Act providing ge for uninsured individuals.
	Include	name of the optional eligibility group and applicable income and resource standard.
2.		The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following populations of individuals ed in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.218:
	a.	All individuals who are described in section 1905(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX)
		Income standard:
		-or-
	b.	Individuals described in the following categorical populations in section 1905(a) of the Act:
		Income standard:
3.		The agency applies less restrictive financial methodologies to individuals excepted from all methodologies based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) as follows.
	Less re	strictive income methodologies:
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Please describe the applicable eligibility groups/populations and any changes to reasonable limitations, performance standards or other factors.

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1.	The agency suspends deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and other cost sharing charges as follows:
Section	n C – Premiums and Cost Sharing
	c The simplified paper or online application is made available for use in call-centers or other telephone applications in affected areas.
	b The agency uses a simplified online application.
	a The agency uses a simplified paper application.
6.	The agency uses the following simplified application(s) to support enrollment in affected areas or for affected individuals (a copy of the simplified application(s) has been submitted to CMS).
5.	The agency conducts redeterminations of eligibility for individuals excepted from MAGI-based financial methodologies under 42 CFR 435.603(j) once every months (not to exceed 12 months) in accordance with 42 CFR 435.916(b).
4.	The agency adopts a total of months (not to exceed 12 months) continuous eligibility for children under age enter age (not to exceed age 19) regardless of changes in circumstances in accordance with section 1902(e)(12) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.926.
	Please describe the designated entities or additional populations and any limitations related to the specified populations or number of allowable PE periods.
3.	The agency designates the following entities as qualified entities for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations or adds additional populations as described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L. Indicate if any designated entities are permitted to make presumptive eligibility determinations only for specified populations.
	Please describe any limitations related to the populations included or the number of allowable PE periods.
2.	The agency designates itself as a qualified entity for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L.

2.	The agency suspends enrollment fees, premiums and similar charges for:
	a All beneficiaries
	b The following eligibility groups or categorical populations:
	Please list the applicable eligibility groups or populations.
3.	The agency allows waiver of payment of the enrollment fee, premiums and similar charges for undue hardship.
	Please specify the standard(s) and/or criteria that the state will use to determine undue hardship.
Sectio Benefit	n D – Benefits
1.	The agency adds the following optional benefits in its state plan (include service descriptions, provider qualifications, and limitations on amount, duration or scope of the benefit):
2.	X The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the state plan:
	Pursuant to 42 CFR 440.30(d), the state requests an exception to 42 CFR 440.30 (b) to allow for services to be provided in non-office settings. The state also requests that pharmacists be recognized as other licensed practitioners under 42 CFR 440.60. They will perform services in accordance with the state scope of practice law for pharmacists, but NH Medicaid covered services by pharmacists will be limited to (a) determining the need for COVID testing, (b) conducting the testing, and (c) administering COVID vaccines once a vaccine is available.
3.	X The agency assures that newly added benefits or adjustments to benefits comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including the statewideness requirements found at
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1902(a)(1), comparability requirements found at 1902(a)(10)(B), and free choice of provider requirements found at 1902(a)(23).

4.	X Application to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP). The state adheres to all ABP provisions in 42 CFR Part 440, Subpart C. This section only applies to states that have an approved ABP(s).
	 a. X The agency assures that these newly added and/or adjusted benefits will be made available to individuals receiving services under ABPs.
	b Individuals receiving services under ABPs will not receive these newly added and/or adjusted benefits, or will only receive the following subset:
	Please describe.
Telehed	alth:
5.	The agency utilizes telehealth in the following manner, which may be different than outlined in the state's approved state plan:
	Please describe.
Drug B	enefit:
6.	The agency makes the following adjustments to the day supply or quantity limit for covered outpatient drugs. The agency should only make this modification if its current state plan pages have limits on the amount of medication dispensed.
	Please describe the change in days or quantities that are allowed for the emergency period and for which drugs.
7.	Prior authorization for medications is expanded by automatic renewal without clinical review, or time/quantity extensions.
8.	The agency makes the following payment adjustment to the professional dispensing fee when additional costs are incurred by the providers for delivery. States will need to supply documentation to justify the additional fees.
	Please describe the manner in which professional dispensing fees are adjusted.
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9.	occur.	The agency makes exceptions to their published Preferred Drug List if drug shortages This would include options for covering a brand name drug product that is a multi-source a generic drug option is not available.
Sectio	n E – Pay	ments
Optio	nal benef	its described in Section D:
1.		Newly added benefits described in Section D are paid using the following methodology:
	a.	Published fee schedules –
		Effective date (enter date of change):
		Location (list published location):
	b.	Other:
		Describe methodology here.
ncred	ıses to sta	ate plan payment methodologies:
2.		The agency increases payment rates for the following services:
	Please	list all that apply.
	a.	Payment increases are targeted based on the following criteria:
		Please describe criteria.
	b.	Payments are increased through:
		 i A supplemental payment or add-on within applicable upper payment limits:
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ii An increase to rates as described below. Rates are increased: Uniformly by the following percentage: Through a modification to published fee schedules – Effective date (enter date of change): Location (list published location): Up to the Medicare payments for equivalent services. By the following factors: Please describe. Payment for services delivered via telehealth: 3 For the duration of the emergency, the state authorizes payments for telehealth services
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3 For the duration of the emergency, the state authorizes payments for telehealth services
that:
a Are not otherwise paid under the Medicaid state plan;
b Differ from payments for the same services when provided face to face;
 c Differ from current state plan provisions governing reimbursement for telehealth;
Describe telehealth payment variation.
d Include payment for ancillary costs associated with the delivery of covered services via telehealth, (if applicable), as follows:
 Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is incorporated into fee-for-service rates.
ii Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is TN: 20-0036 Approval Date: 07-15-2020 Effective Date: 03-01-2020

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separately reimbursed as an administrative cost by the state when a Medicaid service is delivered.

4	. X Other payment changes:
	Please describe. Payment for services provided by licensed pharmacists shall be made to the affiliated billing provider (e.g, physician groups, pharmacies, outpatient hospitals) in accordance with the same principles of reimbursement developed for the specific types of practitioners and/or services described elsewhere in the state plan, effective until the end of the public health emergency (PHE). All fee schedules are accessible at www.nhmmis.nh.gov, under the "documents and forms" tab under "documentation," and are applicable to all public and private providers.
Section	on F – Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income
1	The state elects to modify the basic personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals. The basic personal needs allowance is equal to one of the following amounts:
	a The individual's total income
	b 300 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate
	c Other reasonable amount:
2	The state elects a new variance to the basic personal needs allowance. (Note: Election of this option is not dependent on a state electing the option described the option in F.1. above.)
	The state protects amounts exceeding the basic personal needs allowance for individuals who have the following greater personal needs:
	Please describe the group or groups of individuals with greater needs and the amount(s) protected for each group or groups.
	on G – Other Policies and Procedures Differing from Approved Medicaid State Plan /Additional mation
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