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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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NEW YORK REGIONAL OPERATIONS GROUP
DMCHO:TLSP: SPA-NJ-19-0013-Approval Letter

November 13, 2019

Jennifer Jacobs
Medicaid Director of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Department of Human Services
CN 12 Quakerbridge Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # NJ 19-0013

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

We have reviewed the proposed New Jersey State Plan Amendment 19-0013, which was submitted to the New York Regional Operations Group on September 26, 2019. This amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan is to add coverage and reimbursement for peer support and coordination services provided in the aftermath of an opioid overdose. These services support the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP), a program designed to respond to and engage individuals that have been reversed from an opioid overdose and subsequently treated in a hospital emergency department (ED).

Based on the information provided, SPA 19-0013 was approved on November 13, 2019. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2019. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and the approved state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Tara Porcher for program concerns at (212) 616-2418 or Tara.Porcher@cms.hhs.gov and Yvette Moore for financial concerns at (646) 694-0915 or Yvette.Moore@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,


Nicole McKnight
Acting Deputy Director
New York Regional Operations Group

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
19-0013 MA

2. STATE
New Jersey

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2019

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 U.S. C. 1396a(a)(30)(A); 42 USC 1396d(a)(13)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2019 \$ 35,000
b. FFY 2020 \$165,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT:

Addendum to Attachment 3.1-A Page 13(d).9k1-5
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9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):

New
same

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Opioid Overdose Recovery Program

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Not required, pursuant to 7.4 of the Plan

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME: Carole Johnson

14. TITLE: Commissioner,
Department of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 9/26/19

16. RETURN TO:

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health
Services
P.O. Box 712, Mail Code #26
Trenton, NJ 08625-0712

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:
November 13, 2019

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
July, 01, 2019

21. TYPED NAME:
Nicole McKnight

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

22. TITLE: **Acting Deputy Director**
New York Regional Operations Group

23. REMARKS:
PEN/INK AUTHORIZATIONS:

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**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
Limitations on Amount, Duration and Scope of Services
Provided to the Categorically Needy**

13(d).9 Rehabilitation Services

**Community Mental Health Rehabilitation Services –
Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP)**

Opioid Overdose Recovery Services

Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP) services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, within the scope of his practice under state law. OORP services must begin in an emergency department of an acute care hospital following a Naloxone reversal of an opioid overdose. Naloxone, while essential in saving lives, is not sufficient to encourage continued substance use disorder (SUD) treatment or recovery support. Individuals who survive an opioid overdose have a significant risk to overdose again if they do not get connected to treatment for their addiction. Staff from OORP work to increase linkage to appropriate follow-up care in the community, expand appropriate service delivery and end the cycle of beneficiaries going in and out of emergency departments but never connecting to treatment or recovery supports. Peers work with these beneficiaries to promote improved recovery, wellness and a healthier lifestyle. This reduces public health care expenditures and reduces behavioral health and physical health risks such as HIV, hepatitis and liver disease. The goal of the program is continued treatment which leads to improved health behaviors, improved clinical outcomes and an improved quality of life.

Service Descriptions:

Peer Support Services. Peer support services assist beneficiaries with developing the skills and the resources needed to initiate and sustain recovery and are coordinated with an individualized, person-centered plan of care. Services may include family members, but all services are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary. Peer support services are provided by peer support specialists under the direction of the program supervisor.

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Care coordination: Care coordination services link the beneficiary to resources that meet their individual needs based on an individualized, person-centered plan of care. Care coordination services are delivered by a patient navigator under the supervision of the program supervisor.

Provider Specifications:

Services are provided by out-patient community care provider, contracted with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service and must be approved by the Division of Medical Assistance Health Services (DMAHS) to provide OORP services. Qualified practitioners must be a Medicaid/NJFamilyCare provider or work for a Medicaid/NJFamilyCare provider.

Peer Support Specialists. Peer support specialists must have lived experience with a minimum of 2 years of successful recovery from an SUD diagnosis. Peer support specialists are required to be certified as a certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board or certification as a Nationally Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals. Peers support specialists employed by agencies that are contracted with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and are actively seeking certification will have until July 1, 2020 to be fully certified.

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- *Patient Navigators.* Patient navigators may be a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or an individual with a bachelor's degree (psychology, health science or education) and two years of life or professional experience, or an associate degree with four years of life or professional experience.
- *Program Supervisors.* Program Supervisors must have a master's degree in health, psychology, education or other behavioral health profession.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER
TYPES OF CARE

Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Services – Mental Health Community Services

Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP)

The Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP) is an 8 week peer support program. A successful 8 week engagement shall consist of 15 peer support visits, 3 navigator visits, and 2 care management/supervision visits for a total cost of \$440.00 or \$55.00 per week.

The effective date, the applicable fee schedules, and link to their electronic publication, can be found on page 36a of Attachment 4.19-B of the State Plan. The rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Services for both ABP and non-ABP beneficiaries utilize the same rates unless otherwise noted in the plan. All applicable procedure code listings and/or rates are published on the State's website at www.njmmis.com under the link for "Rates and Code Information" and Medicaid fee for services sections.

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