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RE: TN 09-68

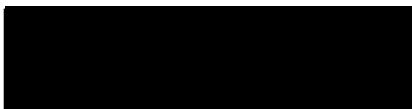
Dear Ms. Frescatore:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-68. Effective January 1, 2010, this amendment reduces the 2010 trend factor projection to zero for nursing home payment rates for services provided between January 1 and March 31, 2010 (except for facilities that provide extensive nursing, medical, psychological and counseling services to children).

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2) 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. I am pleased to inform you that New York 09-68 is approved effective January 1, 2010 and have enclosed the HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Brady at 518-396-3810 or Rob Weaver at 410-786-5914.

Sincerely,



Cindy Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO)

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 09-68	2. STATE New York
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, 2010	
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: Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447 Subpart C		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 01/01/10-09/30/10 (\$30,795,000) b. FFY 10/01/10-09/30/11 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-D, page 51(a)(2)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-D, page 51(a)(2)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Three Month Reduction in 2010 Trend Factor-Long Term Care			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
13. FTEED NAME: [REDACTED]		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Corning Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237	
14. TITLE: Deputy Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: December 30, 2009			

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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: 3-17-10
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JAN - 1 2010	20. [REDACTED]
21. TYPE NAME: William LASOWSKI	22. TITLE: Deputy Director, CMSA
23. REMARKS:	

**New York
51(a)(2)**

**Attachment 4.19-D
(04/09)**

- (k) For rates of payment effective for nursing home services provided on and after January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, the otherwise final trend factor attributable to the 2008 calendar year period shall be adjusted such that any increase to the average trend factor for the period April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 shall be reduced, on an annualized basis, by 1.3% and no retroactive adjustment to such 2008 trend factor shall be made for the period April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Effective on and after April 1, 2009, the otherwise applicable final trend factor attributable to the 2008 calendar year period shall be zero.
- (l) For rates of payment effective for nursing home services provided on and after January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, a trend factor equal to the otherwise applicable trend factor attributable to the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, as calculated in accordance with paragraph (f) of this section, less 1% shall be applied. Effective on and after April 1, 2009, the otherwise applicable trend factor attributable to the 2009 calendar year period shall be zero.
- (m) For rates of payment effective for nursing home services provided for the period January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, the otherwise applicable trend factor attributable to the 2010 calendar year period shall be zero.

Effective July 1, 1994, payment rates for the 1994 rate setting cycle will be calculated using the proxy data described in this section that is available through the third quarter of 1993. Proxy data, which becomes available subsequent to the third quarter of 1993, will not be considered in setting or adjusting 1994 payment rates.

*This means that since the rates for the April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997 period are based on 1983 base year costs trended to this period, the rate impacts of any differences between, say, the final value of the 1995 trend factor and the preliminary 1995 trend factor value that may have been used when initially calculating the rate, would be incorporated into the rates for the April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997 rate period.

TN #09-68 _____

Supersedes TN #09-45 _____

Approval Date MAR 17 2010

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