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State/Territory Name: New Hampshire

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0022

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Financial Management Group

June 25, 2021

Lori Shabinette, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
State of New Hampshire
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: TN 21-0022

Dear Commissioner Shabinette:

We have reviewed the proposed New Hampshire (NH) State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 30, 2021. This plan amendment allowed for a 3.1% increase to Hospice and Freestanding Birth Center Services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 01, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

Please note that our approval relates only to the requested change in payment methodology and that the resultant rates and related expenditures are consistent with section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act. CMS may still have questions on the funding structure in determining it's consistent with sections 1902(a)(2), 1903(a), and 1903(w) of the Act as implemented by 42 CFR § 433.54. Approval of the subject SPA does not relieve the state of its responsibility to comply with federal laws and regulations, and to ensure that claims for federal funding are consistent with all applicable requirements. On April 2, 2021, CMS issued a letter on the New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund, in companion to the approval of New Hampshire's Medicaid managed care state directed payment preprints. The letter requested additional information to allow CMS to further review the state's sources of non-federal share financing of the Medicaid adult expansion population. The state responded to the letter on May 28, 2021, and CMS will continue to review the funding structure in question based on the state's response. The result of the review may also be applicable to the expenditures related to the payments authorized in this SPA.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact James Moreth at 206-615-2043 or James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures
cc:

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 21-0022	2. STATE NH
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2021	

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

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 1905(o), 1905(a)(28), 42 CFR Part 447	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT FFY 2021: \$2,234 (hospice) \$9 (birth centers) FFY 2022: \$2,979 (hospice) \$12 (birth centers)
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19B, Page 6 Attachment 4.19B, Page 7	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if Applicable) Attachment 4.19B, Page 6, (TN 20-0022) Attachment 4.19B, Page 7 (TN 20-0022)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

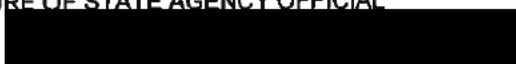
Hospice and Freestanding Birth Center Services - NH 2021 Budget Increase

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
13. TYPED NAME Ann H. Landry	
14. TITLE Associate Commissioner	
15. DATE SUBMITTED 3/30/2021	

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17. DATE RECEIVED March 30, 2021	18. DATE APPROVED June 25, 2021
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL January 1, 2021	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
21. TYPED NAME Todd McMillion	22. TITLE Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

PAYMENT RATES FOR ALL TYPES OF CARE OTHER THAN INPATIENT
HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING, OR INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE SERVICES

25. Hospice Services: Payment for hospice services is made at a per diem rate in accordance with Medicare regulations at 42 CFR 418, Subpart G. Hospice payments for inpatient care are limited and paid in accordance with Medicare regulations at 42 CFR 418.302(f). Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) cases are included in the limitation calculation. The state does not apply the optional cap limitation on payments. The agency's rates were set on January 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. No provider shall bill or charge the department more than the provider's usual and customary charge. The fee schedule, which is applicable to all public and private providers of hospice services, follows the Medicare fee schedule and is updated concurrent with Medicare updates. Effective January 1, 2021, the Medicare rates were increased 3.1% to arrive at the Medicaid rates. The Medicare fee schedule can be accessed on the Medicare hospice website at:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/hospice-benefits/hospice-payments/index.html>

Note: When it is stated that "rates were set as of," this indicates the most recent date rates were changed on one or more codes for the type of service/practitioner in question. It is not meant to imply that all of the codes pertaining to the type of service/practitioner in question were changed or reviewed.

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28. Freestanding birth centers: - Freestanding birth centers are paid a facility fee for a delivery performed at the center. Payment is made in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Department. Rates were set as of January 1, 2021, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. No provider shall bill or charge the department more than the provider's usual and customary charge. 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.

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