

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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OCT 04 2017

Mrs. Jen Steele, Director
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Department of Health and Hospitals
Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030

RE: Louisiana 17-0020

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is a copy of approved Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 17-0020 with an effective date of July 1, 2017. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals proposes to suspend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to impose provisions to ensure that the current rates in effect do not increase for the state fiscal year 2018 rating period.

The state assures that the rates do not impinge on access to Nursing Facility services and beneficiaries' access to services are adequate. The state did not receive any comments from providers opposing the rate freeze. Based on this information, we are inferring that the amendment does not affect consistency with the access to care requirements described in section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C.

We hereby inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 17-0020 is approved effective July 1, 2017. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.



If you have any questions, please call Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristin Fan'.

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">17-0020</div>	2. STATE <div style="text-align: center;">Louisiana</div>
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
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)		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <div style="text-align: center;">July 1, 2017</div>	
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447 Subpart C	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY <u>2016</u> 2017 <u>\$0</u> b. FFY <u>2017</u> 2018 <u>\$0</u>		
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-D, Page 9.a.(3) Attachment 4.19-D, Page 9.a.(4)	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Same (TN 15-23) None- New Page		
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The purpose of this SPA is to suspend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to impose provisions to ensure that the current rates in effect do not increase for the SFY 2018 rating period.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED The Governor does not review state plan material. <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director State of Louisiana Department of Health 628 North 4th Street P.O. Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030		
13. TYPED NAME: Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH			
14. TITLE: Secretary			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: August 14, 2017			
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17. DATE RECEIVED: August 15, 2017	18. DATE APPROVED: OCT 04 2017		
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2017	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 		
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan	22. TITLE: Director, FMCo		
23. REMARKS: The State requests a pen and ink change to box # 7			

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- ii. All costs and cost components that are required to be trended forward will only be trended forward to the midpoint of the 2015 state fiscal year (December 31, 2014).
 - iii. The base capital per square foot value, land value per square foot, and per licensed bed equipment value utilized in the calculation of the fair rental value (FRV) component will be set equal to the value of these items as of July 1, 2014.
 - iv. Base capital values for the Bed Buy-Back program purposes will be set equal to the value of these items as of July 1, 2014.
 - v. Nursing facility providers will not have their weighted age totals for the FRV component calculation purposes increased by one year as of July 1, 2015.
 - vi. As of the July 1, 2016 rate setting, nursing facility provider weighted age totals for the FRV component calculation purposes will be increased by two years to account for the suspended year of aging occurring as of the July 1, 2015 rating period.
 - vii. No other provisions of the current nursing facility reimbursement methodology shall be suspended for this time period.
 - viii. No payment under this section is dependent on any agreement or arrangement for providers or related entities to donate money or services to a governmental entity.
- (15) Effective for the rate period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, the Department shall suspend the provisions currently governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities and impose the following provisions governing reimbursements for nursing facility services.
- i. During this time period, no inflation factor will be applied to the base resident day weighted medians and prices calculated as of July 1, 2016.
 - ii. All costs and cost components that are required to be trended forward will only be trended forward to the midpoint of the 2017 state fiscal year (December 31, 2016).
 - iii. The base capital per square foot value, land value per square foot, and per licensed bed equipment value utilized in the calculation of the fair rental value component will be set equal to the value of these items as of July 1, 2016.
 - iv. Base capital values for the Bed Buy-Back program purposes will be set equal to the value of these items as of July 1, 2016.
 - v. Nursing facility providers will not have their weighted age totals for the FRV component calculation purposes increased by one year as of July 1, 2017.
 - vi. As of the July 1, 2018 rate setting, nursing facility provider weighted age totals for the FRV component calculation purposes will be increased by two years to account for the suspended year of aging occurring as of the July 1, 2017 rating period.
 - vii. No other provisions of the current nursing facility reimbursement methodology shall be suspended for this time period.

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- d. All capitalized costs related to the installation or extension of supervised automatic fire sprinkler systems or two-hour rated walls placed in service on or after July 1, 2006 will be excluded from the renovation/improvement costs used to calculate the FRV to the extent the nursing home is reimbursed for said costs in accordance with section 6.

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