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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: LA 24-0009

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

March 27, 2024

Kimberly Sullivan
Interim Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Medicaid Program
Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing
628 North Fourth Street Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030

RE: Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0009

Dear Director Sullivan:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0009 effective for services on or after February 20, 2024. The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services to clarify the purpose of the affiliated agreement that hospitals must have with an accredited institution for major or minor teaching hospital graduation education training and the options applicable for residency programs.

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. We hereby inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 24-0009 is approved effective February 20, 2024. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Caughey at (517) 487-8598.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rory Howe".

Rory Howe
Director

Enclosure

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
24-0009

2. STATE
LA

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

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
February 20, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447 Subpart C

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY **2024** **\$0**

b. FFY **2025** **\$0**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Pages 10m(1) and 10m(2)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Same (TN 23-0007)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services to clarify the purpose of the affiliated agreement that hospitals must have with an accredited institution for major or minor teaching hospital graduation education training, and the options applicable for residency programs.

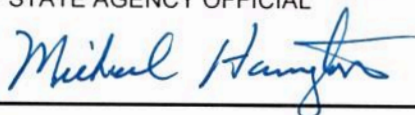
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME

**Michael Harrington, MBA, MA designee for
Ralph L. Abraham, M.D.**

13. TITLE

Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 12, 2024

15. RETURN TO

**Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.
Medicaid Executive Director
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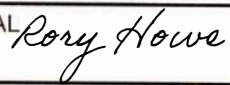
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16. DATE RECEIVED
March 12, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED
March 27, 2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
February 20, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Rory Howe

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, FMG

22. REMARKS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

- C. To be eligible for reimbursement for services provided by a **major teaching hospital**, a hospital must:
1. Meet the requirements of A. above, **and**
 2. Have a documented affiliation agreement for the purpose of providing graduate medical education training with a Louisiana medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Major teaching hospitals must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. be a major participant in at least four approved medical residency programs and maintain at least 15 interns and resident un-weighted full time equivalent positions. Full time equivalent positions will be calculated as defined in 42 CFR 413.78. At least two of the programs must be in medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, family practice, emergency medicine or psychiatry; or
 - b. maintain at least 20 intern and resident unweighted full time equivalent positions, with an approved medical residency program in family practice located more than 150 miles from the medical school accredited by LCME or COCA Full time equivalent positions will be calculated as defined in 42 CFR 413.78.
 3. For the purposes of recognition as a major teaching hospital, a facility shall be considered a “major participant” in a graduate medical education program if it participates in residency programs that:
 - a. require residents to rotate for a required experience; and
 - b. require explicit approval by the appropriate Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the medical school with which the facility is affiliated prior to utilization of the facility; or
 - c. provide residency rotations of more than one-sixth of the program length or more than a total of six months at the facility, and are listed as part of an accredited program in the *Graduate Medical Education Directory* of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

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D. To be eligible for reimbursement for services provided by a **minor teaching hospital**, a hospital must:

1. Meet the requirements of A. above; and
2. Have a documented affiliation agreement for the purpose of providing graduate medical education training with a Louisiana medical school accredited by LCME or COCA. These facilities must participate significantly in at least one approved medical residency program. Maintain at least six intern and resident un-weighted full time equivalent positions. Full time equivalent positions will be calculated as defined in 42 CFR 413.78. At least one of these programs must be in medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, family practice, emergency medicine, or psychiatry.
3. For the purposes of recognition as a minor teaching hospital, a facility is considered to “participate significantly” in a graduate medical education program if the residency program meets two of the following criteria:
 - a. require residents to rotate for a required experience; and
 - b. require explicit approval by the appropriate Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the medical school with which the facility is affiliated prior to utilization of the facility; or
 - c. provide residency rotations of more than one-sixth of the program length or more than a total of six months at the facility and are listed as part of an accredited program in the *Graduate Medical*