

**Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification (CMCS)**

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Mr. Stephen Fitton, Medicaid Director  
Medical Services Administration  
Department of Community Health  
400 South Pine  
Lansing, MI 48933

DEC 17 2010

RE: Michigan State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-17

Dear Mr. Fitton:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-17. Effective for services on or after September 24, 2010, this amendment revises the methodology for making supplemental payments to nursing facilities under the Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP).

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 Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We hereby inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 10-17 is approved effective September 24, 2010. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Todd McMillion at (608) 441-5344.

Sincerely,

  
r Cindy Mann,  
Director (CMCS)

Enclosure

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**  
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

10 - 17

2. STATE:

Michigan

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

September 24, 2010

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
HEALTH FINANCING ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF 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:  
42 CFR 447, Subpart C

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ (613,253.59) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. FFY 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ -0- \_\_\_\_\_

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  
Attachment 4.19-D, Section IV, Page 20a

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Attachment 4.19-D, Section IV, Page 20a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Quality Assurance Supplement payment reconciliation

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:  
Stephen Fitton, Director  
Medical Services Administration

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

*Stephen Fitton*

16. RETURN TO:

Medical Services Administration  
Program/Eligibility Policy Division - Federal Liaison Unit  
Capitol Commons Center - 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 South Pine  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Attn: Nancy Bishop

13. TYPED NAME:  
Stephen Fitton

14. TITLE:  
Director, Medical Services Administration

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
September 28, 2010

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

12-17-10

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  
SEP 24 2010

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

*Bill Pasenich p a*

21. TYPE NAME:

*William Lasowski*

22. TITLE:

*Deputy Director, CMCS*

23. REMARKS:

**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

State of MICHIGAN

***Policy and Methods for Establishing Payment Rates  
(Long Term Care Facilities)***

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C. Variable Cost Component

5. Special Provisions:

a. New Facility (continued):

facility that does not have a Medicaid historical cost basis, will be paid in accordance with Section c. below.

b. Change of Class: An existing enrolled nursing facility which becomes a Class I or III facility, will be paid in accordance with Section c. below.

c. Payment Determination:

1) During the first two cost reporting periods, rates for providers defined in Sections a. and b. above will be calculated using a variable rate base equal to the class average of variable costs.

2) In subsequent periods the provider's variable rate base will be determined using methods in Section IV.C.1. through IV.C.3. above.

6. Effective September ~~15, 2008~~, **24, 2010**, Class I, and Class III nursing facilities receive a monthly payment as part of the Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP). A facility's QAAP payment is based on the facility's Medicaid utilization multiplied by a Quality Assurance Supplement (QAS) percentage. A facility's Medicaid utilization is the sum of all routine nursing care and therapeutic leave days billed to Medicaid by that facility during a twelve month period beginning in June of the previous calendar year. The hospice reimbursement for nursing facility bed days where Medicaid pays room and board for hospice residents in nursing facilities include the QAS amount. Hospice is responsible for reimbursing nursing facilities for room and board consistent with their contract. Between September ~~15, 2008~~ **24, 2010** and September 30, ~~2008~~ **2010** the QAS is equal to ~~19.86~~ **21.11**% of the lesser of the facility's variable rate base or the class variable cost limit except for publicly owned facilities, in which the QAS percentage is applied to the lesser of the public Class III variable cost component or the Class I variable cost limit. The nursing facility's current fiscal year rate is based on the facility's cost report for the second fiscal year prior to the current fiscal year. After October 1, ~~2008~~ **2010** and from that date onward, the QAS percentage will be 21.76%.

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Effective Date: 09/24/2010

Supersedes

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