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APR 25 2013

Toby Douglas, Director
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RE: California SPA 11-011A

Dear Mr. Douglas:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-011A. This amendment clarifies the nursing facility Level B rate-setting methodology for new facilities, changes of ownership, and facilities that had been decertified.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 11-011A is approved effective June 1, 2011. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Wong 744-3561 or Annalisa Fichera at 415-744-3577.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann", is written over the typed name.

Cindy Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 11-011A	2. STATE CA
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 June 1, 2010 2011	
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: 42 CFR 447 Subpart B & 42 CFR 447 Subpart C		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2010 \$Est to be determined \$0 b. FFY 2011 \$Est to be determined \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement 4 to Attachment 4.19-D, pages-17a, 19, & 20		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Supplement 4 to Attachment 4.19-D, page 19	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Rates			
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's Office does not <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL wish to review the State Plan Amendment.			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Department of Health Care Services Attn: State Plan Coordinator 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.3.26 P.O. Box 997417 Sacramento, CA 95899-7417	
13. TYPED NAME: Toby Douglas			
14. TITLE: Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 10/14/11			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: APR 25 2013	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME:		22. TITLE:	
23. REMARKS:			

V. Determination of FS/NF-B Rates for State-Owned Facilities, Newly Certified Providers or Changes of Ownership

- A. State-owned and operated FS/NF-Bs will receive a prospective payment rate based on the peer-group weighted average Medi-Cal reimbursement rate.
- B. New FS/NF-Bs with no cost history in a newly constructed facility, in a location not previously licensed as a FS/NF-B, or an existing facility newly certified to participate in the Medi-Cal program will receive a reimbursement rate based on the peer-group weighted average Medi-Cal reimbursement rate. The Department will calculate the facility-specific rate when a minimum of six months (12 months for subacute care units) of Medi-Cal cost data has been audited. The Department will calculate the rate prospectively and it will be effective on August 1 of each rate year.
- C. FS/NF-Bs that have a change of ownership or changes of the licensed operator where the previous provider participated in the Medi-Cal program, the new owner or operator will continue to receive the reimbursement rate of the previous provider. The Department will calculate the facility-specific rate when a minimum of six months (12 months for subacute care units) of Medi-Cal cost data has been audited. The Department will calculate the rate prospectively and it will be effective on August 1 of each rate year.
- D. 1. FS/NF-Bs decertified for less than six months and upon recertification will continue to receive the reimbursement rate in effect prior to decertification. The Department will calculate the facility-specific rate when a minimum of six months (12 months for subacute care units) of Medi-Cal cost data has been audited. The Department will calculate the rate prospectively and it will be effective on August 1 of each rate year.
2. FS/NF-Bs decertified for six months or longer and upon recertification will receive a reimbursement rate based on the peer-group weighted average Medi-Cal reimbursement rate. The Department will calculate the facility-specific rate when a minimum of six months (12 months for subacute care units) of Medi-Cal cost data has been audited. The Department will calculate the rate prospectively and it will be effective on August 1 of each rate year.