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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: LA 25-0006

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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April 15, 2025

Kimberly Sullivan
Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Medicaid Program
Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing
628 North Fourth Street Post Office Box 91030
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RE: TN 25-0006

Dear Director Sullivan:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Louisiana state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-D LA-25-0006, which was submitted to CMS on February 24, 2025. This plan amendment is to extend the temporary rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements, including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 30, 2025. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Tom Caughey at 517-487-8598 or via email at Tom.caughey@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Rory Howe
Director
Financial Management Group

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 25-0006	2. STATE LA
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 30, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447 Subpart C

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025	\$471,718
b. FFY 2026	\$940,248

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19 D, Page 23


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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Same (TN 23-0006)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
The purpose of this SPA is to extend the temporary rates for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) that have a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and have a high concentration of people who have intellectual/developmental disabilities, significant behavioral health needs, and high risk behavior resulting in previous interface with the judicial system, and for whom no other private ICF/IID provider is able to support.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor does not review State Plan material.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL	

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL


12. TYPED NAME
Michael Harrington, MBA, MA

13. TITLE
Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED
February 24, 2025


15. RETURN TO

**Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.
Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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16. DATE RECEIVED February 24, 2025	17. DATE APPROVED April 15, 2025
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL January 30, 2025	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

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905(a) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Temporary Reimbursement for Private Facilities

- A. Effective February 2, 2021, the Department shall establish temporary Medicaid reimbursement rates of \$352.08 per day per individual for a 15-bed private ICF/IID community home and \$327.08 for an 8-bed private ICF/IID community home that meets the following criteria. The community home:
1. shall have a fully executed cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) for the private operation of the facility and shall be subject to the direct care floor as outlined in the executed CEA;
 2. shall have a high concentration of people who have intellectual/developmental disabilities with significant behavioral health needs, high risk behavior, i.e. criminal-like, resulting in previous interface with the judicial system, use of restraint, and elopement. These shall be people for whom no other private ICF/IID provider is able to support, as confirmed by OCDD;
 3. incurs, or will incur, higher existing costs not currently captured in the private ICF/IID rate methodology; and
 4. shall have no more than 15-beds in one facility and 8-beds in the second facility.
- B. The temporary Medicaid reimbursement rate shall not extend beyond December 31, 2028.
- C. The temporary Medicaid reimbursement rate is all-inclusive and incorporates the following cost components:
1. direct care staffing;
 2. medical/nursing staff;
 3. medical supplies;
 4. transportation;
 5. administrative;
 6. the provider fee; and
 7. dental pass-through/add-on per diem rate