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JUN 14 2018

Ms. Jill R. Hunter
Acting Commissioner
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department of Medicaid Services
275 East Main Street, 6 W-A
Frankfort, KY 40621

RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0005

Dear Ms. Hunter:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-D of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0005. Effective September 1, 2018 this amendment modifies the state's payment for services provided in nursing facility brain injury units. The state is proposing an increase in the payment rate from \$360 per day to \$530.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 447. We have found that the proposed changes in payment methodology comply with applicable requirements and therefore have approved them with an effective date of September 1, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Stanley Fields at (502) 223-5332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Fan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin Fan
Director

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-005

2. STATE
Kentucky

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
September 1, 2018

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:

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2018 - \$30,000
b. FFY 2019 - \$360,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Att. 4.19-D, Page 4
Att. 4.19-D, Exhibit B, Page 31

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Same

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

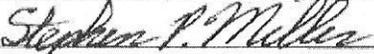
The purpose of this SPA is to revise the all-inclusive rate for brain injury unit reimbursement from \$360 to \$530 per diem.

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: Review delegated
to Commissioner, Department for Medicaid
Services

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



13. TYPED NAME: Stephen P. Miller

14. TITLE: Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 4/9/18

16. RETURN TO:

Department for Medicaid Services
275 East Main Street 6W-A
Frankfort, Kentucky 40621

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

JUN 14 2018

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: SEP 01 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:



21. TYPED NAME: KRISTIN FAN

22. TITLE: Director, FMC

23. REMARKS:

nursing home reform costs incurred during the period July 1, 1990, through September 30, 1990; however, the actual costs incurred shall be subject to tests of reasonableness and necessity and shall be fully documented at the time of the request for rate adjustment. Facilities may request multiple preauthorization's and rate adjustments (add-ons) as necessary for implementation of nursing home reform. Facility costs incurred prior to July 1, 1990, shall not (except for the costs previously recognized in a special manner, i.e., the universal precautions add-on and the nurse aid training add-on) be recognized as being nursing home reform costs. The special nursing home reform rate adjustments shall be requested using forms and methods specified by the Department for Medicaid Services a nursing home rate adjustment shall be included within the cost base for the facility in the rate year following the rate year for which the adjustment was allowed. Interim rate adjustments for nursing home reforms shall not be allowed for period after June 30, 1993. For purposes of the July 1, 1992 and July 1, 1993 rate setting, all amounts associated with OBRA rate adjustments for the preceding rate year shall be folded into the applicable category of routine cost. All nursing home reform rate adjustment requests shall be submitted by September 30, 1993.

SECTION 330. PAYMENT OF SPECIAL PROGRAM CLASSES

A. BRAIN INJURY UNIT

1. A nursing facility with a Medicaid certified brain injury unit providing pre-authorized specialized rehabilitation services for persons with brain injuries shall be paid at an all-inclusive (excluding drugs and physician cost which shall be reimbursed through the pharmacy and physician's programs) fixed rate which shall be set at \$530 per diem for services provided in the brain injury unit.
2. A facility providing pre-authorized specialized rehabilitation services for persons with brain injuries with rehabilitation complicated by neurobehavioral sequelae shall be paid an all-inclusive (excluding drugs and physicians cost) negotiated rate. The negotiated rate shall be a minimum of the approved rate for a Medicaid certified brain injury unit or a maximum of the lesser of the average rate paid by all payers for this service or the facilities usual and customary charges.
3. In order to participate in the Medicaid program as a Brain Injury Provider, the facility shall:
 - (a) Be Medicare and Medicaid certified;
 - (b) Designate at least ten (10) certified beds that are physically contiguous and identifiable; and,
 - (c) Be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

- a. NF/Brain Injury Units means units recognized by the Medicaid agency as specially designated and identified NF units dedicated to, and capable of, providing care to individuals with severe head injury. Facilities providing preauthorized specialized rehabilitation services for persons with brain injuries with rehabilitation complicated by neurobehavioral sequelae means a facility appropriately accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or organization. To participate in Kentucky Medicaid the facility or unit must be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the all-inclusive rate for brain injury unit is \$530 per diem, excluding drugs and physician cost. These claims are to be submitted through the pharmacy and physician's programs. For those residents with brain injury and neurobehavioral sequelae, a negotiated per diem rate shall be paid. The negotiated rate shall be a minimum of the approved rate for a Medicaid certified brain injury unit or a maximum of the lesser of the average rate paid by all payers for this service or the facilities usual and customary charges. This rate excludes drugs and physician costs. These claims shall be submitted through the pharmacy and physician's programs.

- b. Certified distinct part ventilator nursing facility unit means a preauthorized distinct part unit of not less than twenty (20) beds with a requirement that the facility have a ventilator patient census of at least fifteen (15) patients. The patient census shall be based upon the quarter preceding the beginning of the rate year, or upon the quarter precedent the quarter for which certification is requested if the facility did not qualify for participation as a ventilator care unit at the beginning of the rate year. The unit must have a ventilator machine owned by the facility for each certified bed with an additional backup ventilator machine required for every ten (10) beds. The facility must have an appropriate program for discharge planning and weaning from the ventilator. The fixed rate for hospital based facilities is \$460.00 per day, and the fixed rate for freestanding facilities is \$250.00 per day. The rates are to be increased based on the IHS Global Insight inflation index for the nursing facility services for each rate year beginning with the July 1, 1997 rate year.