SECTION 4 - GENERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Methods of Administration

The Medicaid agency employs methods of administration found by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the plan.
Citation 42 CFR 431.202
AT-79-29
AT-80-34

4.2 Hearings for Applicants and Recipients

The Medicaid agency has a system of hearings that meets all the requirements of 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E.
4.3 Safeguarding Information on Applicants and Recipients

Under State statute which imposes legal sanctions, safeguards are provided that restrict the use or disclosure of information concerning applicants and recipients to purposes directly connected with the administration of the plan.

All other requirements of 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart F are met.
4.4 Medicaid Quality Control

(a) A system of quality control is implemented in accordance with 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart P.

(b) The State operates a claims processing assessment system that meets the requirements of 431.800(a), (g), (h) and (k).

☐ Yes.

☐ Not applicable. The State has an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
4.5 Medicaid Agency Fraud Detection and Investigation Program

The Medicaid agency has established and will maintain methods, criteria, and procedures that meet all requirements of 42 CFR 455.13 through 455.21 and 455.23 for prevention and control of program fraud and abuse.
## 4.5b Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor Program

| Citation | The State has established a program under which it will contract with one or more recovery audit contractors (RACs) for the purpose of identifying underpayments and overpayments of Medicaid claims under the State plan and under any waiver of the State plan.
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| Section 1902(a)(42)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act | X The State is seeking an exception to establishing such program for the following reasons:

- The state maintains a low rate of errors in Medicaid payments, as is evidenced by the most recent PERM review which found an overall a 3.81 error rate;
- The last RAC contractor found few recoveries during two years of review. Based upon the small recovery, the contractor elected not to exercise the two option years under the contract.
- The State’s estimate of errors to be recovered beyond the substantial controls are currently in place.
- Prior to the expiration of the exception, the State will analyze the most recent PERM results and the most timely audit results from other programs.
- According to recovery audit firms contacted by EOHHS, it is not cost-beneficial for auditing firms to submit bids due to the small number of enrollees and claims in our non-managed care programs;
- EOHHS has strong and effective controls that minimize the risk of improper payments. These include a robust pre- and post-payment automated review mechanisms and numerous additional audit controls to prevent and detect improper payments, implemented in collaboration with the agency’s fiscal agent. Additionally, EOHHS has contractual relationships with a Pharmacy Benefit Manager, to ensure that through robust claims processing controls, concurrent and retrospective review of claims, and referrals to Program Integrity as needed, our beneficiaries receive medically necessary medications in the most cost-effective manner.
- EOHHS Program Integrity staff works closely with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) on areas of focus that are aligned with the agency’s strategic plan.
  - Several federal and state agencies conduct periodic reviews of the Medicaid eligibility systems, the claims processing function, and the Program Integrity unit.

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<td>Efforts of the Medicaid RAC(s) will be coordinated with other contractors or entities performing audits of entities receiving payments under the State plan or waiver in the State, and/or State and Federal law enforcement entities and the CMS Medicaid Integrity Program.</td>
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4.6 Reports

The Medicaid agency will submit all reports in the form and with the content required by the Secretary, and will comply with any provisions that the Secretary finds necessary to verify and assure the correctness of the reports. All requirements of 42 CFR 431.16 are met.
4.7 Maintenance of Records

The Medicaid agency maintains or supervises the maintenance of records necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the plan, including records regarding applications, determination of eligibility, the provision of medical assistance, and administrative costs, and statistical, fiscal and other records necessary for reporting and accountability, and retains these records in accordance with Federal requirements. All requirements of 42 CFR 431.17 are met.
4.8 Availability of Agency Program Manuals

Program manuals and other policy issuances that affect the public, including the Medicaid agency's rules and regulations governing eligibility, need and amount of assistance, recipient rights and responsibilities, and services offered by the agency are maintained in the State office and in each local and district office for examination, upon request, by individuals for review, study, or reproduction. All requirements of 42 CFR 431.18 are met.
4.9 Reporting Provider Payments to Internal Revenue Service

There are procedures implemented in accordance with 42 CFR 433.37 for identification of providers of services by social security number or by employer identification number and for reporting the information required by the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6041) with respect to payment for services under the plan.
4.10 Free Choice of Providers

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the Medicaid agency assures that any individual eligible under the plan may obtain Medicaid services from any institution, agency, pharmacy, person, or organization that is qualified to perform the services, including an organization that provides these services or arranges for their availability on a prepayment basis.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to services furnished to an individual—

(1) Under an exception allowed under 42 CFR 431.54,

(2) Under a waiver approved under 42 CFR 431.55, or

(3) By an individual or entity excluded from participation in accordance with section 1902(p) of the Act.
4.11 Relations with Standard-Setting and Survey Agencies

(a) The State agency utilized by the Secretary to determine qualifications of institutions and suppliers of services to participate in Medicare is responsible for establishing and maintaining health standards for private or public institutions (exclusive of Christian Science sanatoria) that provide services to Medicaid recipients. This agency is Rhode Island Dept. of Health.

(b) The State authority(ies) responsible for establishing and maintaining standards, other than those relating to health, for public or private institutions that provide services to Medicaid recipients is (are): Rhode Island Dept. of Health.

(c) ATTACHMENT 4.11-A describes the standards specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that are kept on file and made available to the Health Care Financing Administration on request.
State: Rhode Island

Citation: 42 CFR 431.610
AT-78-90
AT-69-34

4.11(d) The Rhode Island Department of Health (agency) which is the State agency responsible for licensing health institutions, determines if institutions and agencies meet the requirements for participation in the Medicaid program. The requirements in 42 CFR 431.610(e), (f) and (g) are met.

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4.12 Consultation to Medical Facilities

(a) Consultative services are provided by health and other appropriate State agencies to hospitals, nursing facilities, home health agencies, clinics and laboratories in accordance with 42 CFR 431.105(b).

(b) Similar services are provided to other types of facilities providing medical care to individuals receiving services under the programs specified in 42 CFR 431.105(b).

☐ Yes, as listed below:

☒ Not applicable. Similar services are not provided to other types of medical facilities.
4.13 Required Provider Agreement

With respect to agreements between the Medicaid agency and each provider furnishing services under the plan:

42 CFR 431.107 (a) For all providers, the requirements of 42 CFR 431.107 and 42 CFR Part 442, Subparts A and B (if applicable) are met.

42 CFR Part 483 1919 of the Act (b) For providers of NF services, the requirements of 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B, and section 1919 of the Act are also met.

42 CFR Part 483, Subpart D (c) For providers of ICF/MR services, the requirements of participation in 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart D are also met.

1920 of the Act (d) For each provider that is eligible under the plan to furnish ambulatory prenatal care to pregnant women during a presumptive eligibility period, all the requirements of section 1920(b)(2) and (c) are met.

Note: Not applicable. Ambulatory prenatal care is not provided to pregnant women during a presumptive eligibility period.

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Citation 1902(a)(58) 1902(w) 4.13 (e) For each provider receiving funds under the plan, all the requirements for advance directives of section 1902(w) are met:

(1) Hospitals, nursing facilities, providers of home health care or personal care services, hospice programs, health maintenance organizations and health insuring organizations are required to do the following:

(a) Maintain written policies and procedures with respect to all adult individuals receiving medical care by or through the provider or organization about their rights under State law to make decisions concerning medical care, including the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to formulate advance directives.

(b) Provide written information to all adult individuals on their policies concerning implementation of such rights;

(c) Document in the individual's medical records whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive;

(d) Not condition the provision of care or otherwise discriminate against an individual based on whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive;

(e) Ensure compliance with requirements of State Law (whether
statutory or recognized by the courts) concerning advance directives; and

(f) Provide (individually or with others) for education for staff and the community on issues concerning advance directives.

(2) Providers will furnish the written information described in paragraph (1)(a) to all adult individuals at the time specified below:

(a) Hospitals at the time an individual is admitted as an inpatient.

(b) Nursing facilities when the individual is admitted as a resident.

(c) Providers of home health care or personal care services before the individual comes under the care of the provider;

(d) Hospice program at the time of initial receipt of hospice care by the individual from the program; and

(e) Health maintenance organizations at the time of enrollment of the individual with the organization.

(3) Attachment 4.34A describes law of the State (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State) concerning advance directives.

Not applicable. No State law or court decision exist regarding advance directives.
4.14 Utilization Control

(a) A statewide program of surveillance and utilization control has been implemented that safeguards against unnecessary or inappropriate use of Medicaid services available under this plan and against excess payments, and that assesses the quality of services. The requirements of 42 CFR Part 456 are met:

[X] Directly -- for additional details see Attachment 4.14 B

[] By undertaking medical and utilization review requirements through a contract with a Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) designated under 42 CFR Part 462. The contract with the PRO --

1. Meets the requirements of 434.6(a);

2. Includes a monitoring and evaluation plan to ensure satisfactory performance;

3. Identifies the services and providers subject to PRO review;

4. Ensures that PRO review activities are not inconsistent with the PRO review of Medicare services; and

5. Includes a description of the extent to which PRO determinations are considered conclusive for payment purposes.

[] Quality review requirements described in section 1902(a)(30)(C) of the Act relating to services furnished by HMOs under contract are undertaken through contract with the PRO designated under 42 CFR Part 462.

[] By undertaking quality review of services furnished under each contract with an HMO through a private accreditation body.
(b) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 FCR Part 456, Subpart C, for control of the utilization of inpatient hospital services.

[X] Utilization and medical review are performed by a Utilization and Quality control Peer Review Organization designated under 42 CFR Part 462 that has a contact with the agency to perform those reviews.

[ ] Utilization review is performed in accordance with 42 CFR Part 456, Subpart H, that specifies the conditions of a waiver of the requirements of Subpart C for:

[ ] All hospitals (other than mental hospitals).

[ ] Those specified in the waiver.

[ ] No waivers have been granted.
4.14 (c) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 456, Subpart D, for control of utilization of inpatient services in mental hospitals.

[ ] Utilization and medical review are performed by a Utilization and Quality Control peer Review Organization designated under 42 CFR part 462 that has a contract with the agency to perform those reviews.

[ ] Utilization review is performed in accordance with 42 CFR part 456, Subpart H, that specifies the conditions of a waiver of the requirements of Subpart D for:

[ ] All mental hospitals

[ ] Those specified in the waiver.

[X] No waivers have been granted.

[ ] Not Applicable. Inpatient services in mental hospitals are not provided under this plan
Citation
42 CFR 456.2
50 FR 15312

4.14 (d) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 456, Subpart E, for the control of utilization of skilled nursing facility services.

[ ] Utilization and medical review are performed by a Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization designated under 42 CFR Part 462 that has a contract with the agency to perform those reviews.

[ ] Utilization review is performed in accordance with 42 CFR Part 456, Subpart H, that specifies the conditions of a waiver of the requirements of Subpart E for:

[ ] All skilled nursing facilities.

[ ] Those specified in the waiver.

[X] No waivers have been granted
Citation
42 CFR 456.2
50 FR 15312

4.14(e) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 456, Subpart F, for control of the utilization of intermediate care facility services. Utilization review in facilities is provided through:

[X] Facility-based review

[ ] Direct review by personnel of the medical assistance unit of the State agency.

[ ] Personnel under contract to the medical assistance unit of the State agency.

[ ] Utilization and quality control peer review organizations.

[ ] Another method as described in Attachment 4.14-A

[ ] Two or more of the above methods.

[ ] Not Applicable. Intermediate care facility services are not provided under this plan.
4.14 (f) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of section 1902(a)(30) of the Act for control of the utilization of services furnished by each health maintenance organization under contract with the Medicaid agency. Independent, external quality reviews are performed annually by:

[X] A Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization designated under 42 CFR Part 462 that has a contract with the agency to perform those reviews.

[ ] A private accreditation body.
Citation 42 CFR 456.2
AT-78-90

4.15 Inspections of Care in Skilled Nursing
and Intermediate Care Facilities and
Institutions for Mental Diseases

All applicable requirements of 42 CFR Part
456, Subpart I, are met with respect to
periodic inspections of care and services.

☐ Not applicable with respect to
intermediate care facility services; such
services are not provided under this plan.

☐ Not applicable with respect to services
for individuals age 65 or over in
institutions for mental diseases; such
services are not provided under this plan.

☐ Not applicable with respect to inpatient
psychiatric services for individuals
under age 22; such services are not
provided under this plan.

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Relations with State Health and Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and Title V Grantees

The Medicaid agency has cooperative arrangements with State health and vocational rehabilitation agencies and with title V grantees, that meet the requirements of 42 CFR 431.615.

ATTACHMENT 4.16-A describes the cooperative arrangements with the health and vocational rehabilitation agencies.
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Citation
42 CFR 433.36(c)
1902(a) (18) and
1917(a) and (b) of
the Act

4.17 Liens and Adjustments or Recoveries

(a) Liens

— The State imposes liens against an individual’s real property on account of medical assistance paid or to be paid.

The State complies with the requirements of section 1917(a) of the Act and regulations at 42 CFR 433.36 (c)-(g) with respect to any lien imposed against the property of any individual prior to his or her death on account of medical assistance paid or to be paid on his or her behalf.

— The State imposes liens on real property on account of benefits incorrectly paid.

— The State imposes TEFRA liens 1917(a) (1) (B) on real property of an individual who is an inpatient of a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or other medical institution, where the individual is required to contribute toward the cost of institutional care all but a minimal amount of income required for personal needs.

The procedures by the State for determining that an institutionalized individual cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged are specified in Attachment 4.17-A. (NOTE: If the State indicates in its State plan that it is imposing TEFRA liens, then the State is required to determine whether an institutionalized individual is permanently institutionalized and afford these individuals notice, hearing procedures, and due process requirements.)

— The State imposes liens on both real and personal property of an individual after the individual’s death.

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(b) Adjustments or Recoveries

The State complies with the requirements of section 1917(b) of the Act and regulations at 42 CFR 433.36 (h)-(l).

Adjustments or recoveries for Medicaid claims correctly paid are as follows:

(1) For permanently institutionalized individuals, adjustments or recoveries are made from the individual's estate or upon sale of the property subject to a lien imposed because of medical assistance paid on behalf of the individual for services provided in a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or other medical institution.

   Adjustments or recoveries are made for all other medical assistance paid on behalf of the individual.

(2) The State determines "permanent institutional status" of individuals under the age of 55 other than those with respect to whom it imposes liens on real property under §1917(a)(1)(B) (even if it does not impose those liens).

(3) For any individual who received medical assistance at age 55 or older, adjustments or recoveries of payments are made from the individual's estate for nursing facility services, home and community-based services, and related hospital and prescription drug services.

   In addition to adjustment or recovery of payments for services listed above, payments are adjusted or recovered for other services under the State plan as listed below:

   All services provided under the State plan.
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(4) The State disregards assets or resources for individuals who receive or are entitled to receive benefits under a long term care insurance policy as provided for in Attachment 2.6-A, Supplement 8b.

The State adjusts or recovers from the individual's estate on account of all medical assistance paid for nursing facility and other long term care services provided on behalf of the individual. (States other than California, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, and New York which provide long term care insurance policy-based asset or resource disregard must select this entry or one of the following entries.)

The State does not adjust or recover from the individual's estate on account of any medical assistance paid for nursing facility or other long term care services provided on behalf of the individual.

The State adjusts or recovers from the assets or resources on account of medical assistance paid for nursing facility or other long term care services provided on behalf of the individual to the extent described below:

1917 (b)(1)(C) X

If an individual covered under a long-term care insurance policy received benefits for which assets or resources were disregarded as provided for in Attachment 2.6-A, Supplement 8c (State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership), the State does not seek adjustment or recovery from the individual's estate for the amount of assets or resources disregarded.

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(c) Adjustments or Recoveries: Limitations

The State complies with the requirements of section 1917(b)(2) of the Act and regulations at 42 CFR §433.36 (h)-(i).

(1) Adjustment or recovery of medical assistance correctly paid will be made only after the death of the individual’s surviving spouse, and only when the individual has no surviving child who is either under age 21, blind, or disabled.

(2) With respect to liens on the home of any individual who the State determines is permanently institutionalized and who must as a condition of receiving services in the institution apply their income to the cost of care, the State will not seek adjustment or recovery of medical assistance correctly paid on behalf of the individual until such time as none of the following individuals are residing in the individual’s home:

   (a) a sibling of the individual (who was residing in the individual's home for at least one year immediately before the date that the individual was institutionalized), or

   (b) a child of the individual (who was residing in the individual’s home for at least two years immediately before the date that the individual was institutionalized) who establishes to the satisfaction of the State that the care the child provided permitted the individual to reside at home rather than become institutionalized.

(3) No money payments under another program are reduced as a means of adjusting or recovering Medicaid claims incorrectly paid.
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(d) ATTACHMENT 4.17-A

(1) Specifies the procedures for determining that an institutionalized individual cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged from the medical institution and return home. The description of the procedure meets the requirements of 42 CFR 433.36(d).

(2) Specifies the criteria by which a son or a daughter can establish that he or she has been providing care, as specified under 42 CFR 433.36(f).

(3) Defines the following terms:

- estate (at a minimum, estate as defined under State probate law). Except for the grand fathered States listed in section 4.17(b)(3), if the State provides a disregard for assets or resources for any individual who received or is entitled to receive benefits under a long term care insurance policy, the definition of estate must include all real, personal property, and assets of an individual (including any property or assets in which the individual had any legal title or interest at the time of death to the extent of the interest and also including the assets conveyed through devices such as joint tenancy, life estate, living trust, or other arrangement),

- individual’s home,

- equity interest in the home,

- residing in the home for at least 1 or 2 years,

- on a continuous basis,

- discharge from the medical institution and return home, and

- lawfully residing.
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(4) Describes the standards and procedures for waiving estate recovery when it would cause undue hardship.

(5) Defines when adjustment or recovery is not cost-effective. Defines cost-effective and includes methodology or thresholds used to determine cost-effectiveness.

(6) Describes collection procedures. Includes advance notice requirements, specifies the method for applying for a waiver, hearing and appeals procedures, and the time frames involved.

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In addition to the services specified in paragraphs 4.19(a), (d), (k), (l), and (m), the Medicaid agency meets the following requirements:

1. Section 1902(a)(13)(E) of the Act regarding payment for services furnished by Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) under section 1905(a)(2)(C) of the Act. The agency meets the requirements of section 6303 of the State Medicaid Manual (HCFA-Pub. 45-6) regarding payment for FQHC services. ATTACHMENT 4.19-B describes the method of payment and how the agency determines the reasonable costs of the services (for example, cost-reports, cost or budget reviews, or sample surveys).

2. Sections 1902(a)(13)(E) and 1926 of the Act, and 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart D, with respect to payment for all other types of ambulatory services provided by rural health clinics under the plan.

ATTACHMENT 4.19-B describes the methods and standards used for the payment of each of these services except for inpatient hospital, nursing facility services and services in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded that are described in other attachments.

SUPPLEMENT 1 to ATTACHMENT 4.19-B describes general methods and standards used for establishing payment for Medicare Part A and B deductible/coinsurance.
State: Rhode Island

Citation: 42 CFR 447.40
AT-78-90

4.19(c) Payment is made to reserve a bed during a recipient's temporary absence from an inpatient facility.

☐ Yes. The State's policy is described in ATTACHMENT 4.19-C.

☐ No.
The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C, with respect to payments for skilled nursing and intermediate care facility services.

ATTACHMENT 4.19-D describes the methods and standards used to determine rates for payment for skilled nursing and intermediate care facility services.

(2) The Medicaid agency provides payment for routine skilled nursing facility services furnished by a swing-bed hospital.

- At the average rate per patient day paid to SNFs for routine services furnished during the previous calendar year.

- At a rate established by the State, which meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C, as applicable.

- Not applicable. The agency does not provide payment for SNF services to a swing-bed hospital.

(3) The Medicaid agency provides payment for routine intermediate care facility services furnished by a swing-bed hospital.

- At the average rate per patient day paid to ICFs, other than ICFs for the mentally retarded, for routine services furnished during the previous calendar year.

- At a rate established by the State, which meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C, as applicable.

- Not applicable. The agency does not provide payment for ICF services to a swing-bed hospital.

(4) Section 4.19(d)(1) of this plan is not applicable with respect to intermediate care facility services; such services are not provided under this State plan.
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State: Rhode Island

Citation: 42 CFR 447.45 (c)
AT-79-50

4.19(e) The Medicaid agency meets all requirements of 42 CFR 447.45 for timely payment of claims.

ATTACHMENT 4.19-E specifies, for each type of service, the definition of a claim for purposes of meeting these requirements.

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4.19 (f) The Medicaid agency limits participation to providers who meet the requirements of 42 CFR 447.15.

No provider participating under this plan may deny services to any individual eligible under the plan on account of the individual's inability to pay a cost sharing amount imposed by the plan in accordance with 42 CFR 431.55(g) and 447.53. This service guarantee does not apply to an individual who is able to pay, nor does an individual's inability to pay eliminate his or her liability for the cost sharing change.
Citation
42 CFR 447.201
42 CFR 447.202
AT-78-30

4.19(g) The Medicaid agency assures appropriate audit of records when payment is based on costs of services or on a fee plus cost of materials.
The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR 447.203 for documentation and availability of payment rates.
Citation | 42 CFR 447.201  
| 42 CFR 447.204  
| AT-78-90  

4.19(1) The Medicaid agency's payments are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that services under the plan are available to recipients at least to the extent that those services are available to the general population.
The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR 447.205 for public notice of any changes in Statewide method or standards for setting payment rates.

The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of section 1903(v) of the Act with respect to payment for medical assistance furnished to an alien who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law. Payment is made only for care and services that are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition, as defined in section 1903(v) of the Act.
Citation 4.19(k) Payments to Physicians for Clinical Laboratory Services

For services performed by an outside laboratory for a physician who bills for the service, payment does not exceed the amount that would be authorized under Medicare in accordance with 42 CFR 405.515(b), (c) and (d).

☐ Yes
☒ Not applicable. The Medicaid agency does not allow payment under the plan to physicians for outside laboratory services.
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Citation

4.19 (m) Medicaid Reimbursement for Administration of Vaccines under the Pediatric Immunization Program

1928(c)(2) (C)(ii) of the Act

(i) A provider may impose a charge for the administration of a qualified pediatric vaccine as stated in 1928(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Act. Within this overall provision, Medicaid reimbursement to providers will be administered as follows.

(ii) The State:

sets a payment rate at the level of the regional maximum established by the DHHS Secretary.

is a Universal Purchase State and sets a payment rate at the level of the regional maximum established in accordance with State law.

sets a payment rate below the level of the regional maximum established by the DHHS Secretary.

X is a Universal Purchase State and sets a payment rate below the level of the regional maximum established by the Universal Purchase State.

The State pays the following rate for the administration of a vaccine:

$7.00

1926 of the Act

(iii) Medicaid beneficiary access to immunizations is assured through the following methodology:

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Direct Payments to Certain Recipients for Physicians' or Dentists' Services

Direct payments are made to certain recipients as specified by, and in accordance with, the requirements of 42 CFR 447.25.

☐ Yes, for ☐ physicians' services
☐ dentists' services

ATTACHMENT 4.20-A specifies the conditions under which such payments are made.

☒ Not applicable. No direct payments are made to recipients.
Prohibition Against Reassignment of Provider Claims

Payment for Medicaid services furnished by any provider under this plan is made only in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 447.10.
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(2) The threshold amount or other guideline used in determining whether to seek recovery of reimbursement from a liable third party, or the process by which the agency determines that seeking recovery of reimbursement would not be cost effective.

(3) The dollar amount or time period the State uses to accumulate billings from a particular liable third party in making the decision to seek recovery of reimbursement.

(4) The cost avoidance procedures the State uses in regard to processing claims for prenatal services.

(5) The specific circumstances in which the State will not seek third party reimbursement.

(e) The Medicaid agency ensures that the provider furnishing a service for which a third party is liable follows the restrictions specified in 42 CFR 447.20.
42 CFR 433.151(a)
50 FR 46652

(f) The Medicaid agency has written cooperative agreements for the enforcement of rights to and collection of third party benefits assigned to the State as a condition of eligibility for medical assistance with at least one of the following:
(Check as appropriate.)
X State title IV-D agency. The requirements of 42 CFR 433.152(b) are met.
__ Other appropriate State agency(s)—
__ Other appropriate agency(s) of another State—
__ Courts and law enforcement officials.

42 CFR 433.151(b)
50 FR 46652

(g) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR 433.153 and 433.154 for making incentive payments and for distributing third party collections.

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(h) The Medicaid agency specifies the guidelines used in determining the cost effectiveness of an employer-based group health plan by selecting one of the following.
___ The Secretary’s method as provided in the State Medicaid Manual, Section 3910.
X The State provides methods for determining cost effectiveness on Att. 4.22-C
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Citation: 42 CFR Part 434.4
48 FR 54013.

Use of Contracts

The Medicaid agency has contracts of the type(s) listed in 42 CFR Part 434. All contracts meet the requirements of 42 CFR Part 434.

Not applicable. The State has no such contracts.

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Standards for Payments for Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded Services

With respect to nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, all applicable requirements of 42 CFR Part 442, Subparts B and C are met.

Not applicable to intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; such services are not provided under this plan.
Citation: 42 CFR 431.702
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The State has a program that, except with respect to Christian Science sanatoria, meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart N, for the licensing of nursing home administrators.
Citation

1927(g) 42 CFR 456.700 4.26 Drug Utilization Review Program

A. The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of Section 1927(g) of the Act for a drug use review (DUR) program for outpatient drug claims.

B. The DUR program is designed to educate physicians and pharmacists to identify and reduce the frequency of patterns of fraud, abuse, gross overuse, or inappropriate or medically unnecessary care among physicians, pharmacists, and patients or associated with specific drugs as well as:

- Potential and actual adverse drug reactions
- Therapeutic appropriateness
- Overutilization and underutilization
- Appropriate use of generic products
- Therapeutic duplication
- Drug disease contraindications
- Drug-drug interactions
- Incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment
- Drug-allergy interactions
- Clinical abuse/misuse

C. The DUR program shall assess data use against predetermined standards whose source materials for their development are consistent with peer-reviewed medical literature which has been critically reviewed by unbiased independent experts and the following compendia:

- American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information
- United States Pharmacopeia-Drug Information
- American Medical Association Drug Evaluations

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DUR is not required for drugs dispensed to residents of nursing facilities that are in compliance with drug regimen review procedures set forth in 42 CFR 483.60. The State has never-the-less chosen to include nursing home drugs in:

- Prospective DUR
- Retrospective DUR.

The DUR program includes prospective review of drug therapy at the point of sale or point of distribution before each prescription is filled or delivered to the Medicaid recipient.

Prospective DUR includes screening each prescription filled or delivered to an individual receiving benefits for potential drug therapy problems due to:

- Therapeutic duplication
- Drug-disease contraindications
- Drug-drug interactions
- Drug-interactions with non-prescription or over-the-counter drugs
- Incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment
- Drug allergy interactions
- Clinical abuse/misuse

Prospective DUR includes counseling for Medicaid recipients based on standards established by State law and maintenance of patient profiles.

The DUR program includes retrospective DUR through its mechanized drug claims processing and information retrieval system or otherwise which undertakes ongoing periodic examination of claims data and other records to identify:

- Patterns of fraud and abuse
- Gross overuse
- Inappropriate or medically unnecessary care among physicians, pharmacists, Medicaid recipients, or associated with specific drugs or groups of drugs.
F.2. The DUR program assesses data on drug use against explicit predetermined standards including but not limited to monitoring for:

- Therapeutic appropriateness
- Overutilization and undertreatment
- Appropriate use of generic products
- Therapeutic duplication
- Drug-disease contraindications
- Drug-drug interactions
- Incorrect drug dosage/duration of drug treatment
- Clinical abuse/misuse

3. The DUR program through its State DUR Board, using data provided by the Board, provides for active and ongoing educational outreach programs to educate practitioners on common drug therapy problems to improve prescribing and dispensing practices.

G.1. The DUR program has established a State DUR Board either:

X Directly, or

___ Under contract with a private organization

2. The DUR Board membership includes health professionals (one-third licensed actively practicing pharmacists and one-third but no more than 51 percent licensed and actively practicing physicians) with knowledge and experience in one or more of the following:

- Clinically appropriate prescribing of covered outpatient drugs.
- Clinically appropriate dispensing and monitoring of covered outpatient drugs.
- Drug use review, evaluation and intervention.
- Medical quality assurance.

3. The activities of the DUR Board include:

- Retrospective DUR,
- Application of Standards as defined in section 1927(g)(2)(C), and
- Ongoing interventions for physicians and pharmacists targeted toward therapy problems or individuals identified in the course of retrospective DUR.
The interventions include in appropriate instances:

- Information dissemination
- Written, oral, and electronic reminders
- Face-to-Face discussions
- Intensified monitoring/review of prescribers/dispensers

The State assures that it will prepare and submit an annual report to the Secretary, which incorporates a report from the State DUR Board, and that the State will adhere to the plans, steps, procedures as described in the report.

The State establishes, as its principal means of processing claims for covered outpatient drugs under this title, a point-of-sale electronic claims management system to perform on-line:

- Real time eligibility verification
- Claims data capture
- Adjudication of claims
- Assistance to pharmacists, etc. applying for and receiving payment.

Prospective DUR is performed using an electronic point of sale drug claims processing system.

Hospitals which dispense covered outpatient drugs are exempted from the drug utilization review requirements of this section when facilities use drug formulary systems and bill the Medicaid program no more than the hospital's purchasing cost for such covered outpatient drugs.
Citation
1902(a)(85) and Section 1004 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act)

Claim Review Limitations
- Prospective safety edits on opioid prescriptions to address days' supply, early refills, duplicate fills and quantity limitations for clinical appropriateness.
- Prospective safety edits on maximum daily morphine milligram equivalents (MME) on opioids prescriptions to limit the daily morphine milligram equivalent (as recommended by clinical guidelines).
- Retrospective reviews on opioid prescriptions exceeding these above limitations on an ongoing basis.
- Retrospective reviews on concurrent utilization of opioids and benzodiazepines as well as opioids and antipsychotics on an ongoing periodic basis

Programs to monitor antipsychotic medications to children: Antipsychotic agents are reviewed for appropriateness for all children including foster children based on approved indications and clinical guidelines

Fraud and abuse identification: The Surveillance Utilization Review (SUR) team has established a process that identifies potential fraud or abuse of controlled substances by enrolled individuals, health care providers and pharmacies.

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State: Rhode Island

Citation: 42 CFR 431.115(c)  
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MT-79-74

4.27 Disclosure of Survey Information and Provider or Contractor Evaluation

The Medicaid agency has established procedures for disclosing pertinent findings obtained from surveys and provider and contractor evaluations that meet all the requirements in 42 CFR 431.115.
Citation 4.28
42 CFR 431.152;
AT-79-18
52 FR 22444;
Secs.
1902(a)(28)(D)(i)
and 1919(e)(7) of
the Act; P.L.
100-203 (Sec. 4211(c)).

Appeals Process
(a) The Medicaid agency has
established appeals procedures
for NFs as specified in 42 CFR
431.153 and 431.154.
(b) The State provides an appeals system
that meets the requirements of 42 CFR
431 Subpart E, 42 CFR 483.12, and
42 CFR 483 Subpart E for residents who
wish to appeal a notice of intent to
transfer or discharge from a NF and for
individuals adversely affected by the
preadmission and annual resident review
requirements of 42 CFR 483 Subpart C.

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or 9/1/94
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P.L. 95-559, sec. 14
MT-79-42

State: Rhode Island

4.29 Conflict of Interest Provisions

The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of Section 1902(a) (4)(C) of the Act concerning the prohibition against acts, with respect to any activity under the plan, that are prohibited by Section 207 or 208 of title 18, United States Code.

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4.30 Exclusion of Providers and Suspension of Practitioners and Other Individuals

(a) All requirements of 42 CFR Part 1002, Subpart B are met.

The agency, under the authority of State law, imposes broader sanctions.
(b) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of--

(1) Section 1902(p) of the Act by excluding from participation--

(A) At the State's discretion, any individual or entity for any reason for which the Secretary could exclude the individual or entity from participation in a program under title XVIII in accordance with sections 1128, 1128A, or 1866(b)(2).

(B) Any HMO (as defined in section 1903(m) of the Act) or an entity furnishing services under a waiver approved under section 1915(b)(1) of the Act, that--

(i) Could be excluded under section 1128(b)(8) relating to owners and managing employees who have been convicted of certain crimes or received other sanctions, or

(ii) Has, directly or indirectly, a substantial contractual relationship (as defined by the Secretary) with an individual or entity that is described in section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Act.
(2) Section 1902(a)(39) of the Act by--

(A) Excluding an individual or entity from participation for the period specified by the Secretary, when required by the Secretary to do so in accordance with sections 1128 or 1128A of the Act; and

(B) Providing that no payment will be made with respect to any item or service furnished by an individual or entity during this period.

(c) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of--

(1) Section 1902(a)(41) of the Act with respect to prompt notification to HCFA whenever a provider is terminated, suspended, sanctioned, or otherwise excluded from participating under this State plan; and

(2) Section 1902(a)(49) of the Act with respect to providing information and access to information regarding sanctions taken against health care practitioners and providers by State licensing authorities in accordance with section 1921 of the Act.
Disclosure of Information by Providers and Fiscal Agents

The Medicaid agency has established procedures for the disclosure of information by providers and fiscal agents as specified in 42 CFR 455.104 through 455.106 and sections 1128(b)(9) and 1902(a)(38) of the Act.

Income and Eligibility Verification System

(a) The Medicaid agency has established a system for income and eligibility verification in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 435.940 through 435.960.

(b) ATTACHMENT 4.32-A describes, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.948(a)(6), the information that will be requested in order to verify eligibility or the correct payment amount and the agencies and the State(s) from which that information will be requested.

The State has an eligibility determination system that provides for data matching through the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS), or any successor system, including matching with medical assistance programs operated by other States. The information that is requested will be exchanged with States and other entities legally entitled to verify title XIX applications and individuals eligible for covered title XIX services consistent with applicable PARIS agreements.

(c) ATTACHMENT 4.32-B describes, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.953, the targeting methodology used in match information received through the income and Eligibility Verification System.
4.33 Medicaid Eligibility Cards for Homeless Individuals

(a) The Medicaid agency has a method for making cards evidencing eligibility for medical assistance available to an individual eligible under the State's approved plan who does not reside in a permanent dwelling or does not have a fixed home or mailing address.

(b) ATTACHMENT 4.33-A specifies the method for issuance of Medicaid eligibility cards to homeless individuals.
4.34 Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements
The State Medicaid agency has established procedures for the verification of alien status through the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) designated system, Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE), effective October 1, 1988.

☐ The State Medicaid agency has elected to participate in the option period of October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988 to verify alien status through the INS designated system (SAVE).

☐ The State Medicaid agency has received the following type(s) of waiver from participation in SAVE.

☐ Total waiver
☐ Alternative system
☐ Partial implementation
4.35 Remedies for Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities that Do Not Meet Requirements of Participation

1919(h)(1) and (2) of the Act, P.L. 100-203 (Sec. 4213(a))

(a) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of section 1919(h)(2)(A) through (D) of the Act concerning remedies for skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities that do not meet one or more requirements of participation. ATTACHMENT 4.35-A describes the criteria for applying the remedies specified in section 1919(h)(2)(A)(i) through (iv) of the Act.

Not applicable to intermediate care facilities; these services are not furnished under this plan.

(b) The agency uses the following remedy(ies):

1. Denial of payment for new admissions.
2. Civil money penalty.
3. Appointment of temporary management.
4. In emergency cases, closure of the facility and/or transfer of residents.

1919(h)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act

(c) The agency establishes alternative State remedies to the specified Federal remedies (except for termination of participation). ATTACHMENT 4.35-B describes these alternative remedies and specifies the basis for their use.

1919(h)(2)(F) of the Act

(d) The agency uses one of the following incentive programs to reward skilled nursing or intermediate care facilities that furnish the highest quality care to Medicaid residents:

1. Public recognition.
2. Incentive payments.
4.35 Enforcement of Compliance for Nursing Facilities

(a) Notification of Enforcement Remedies

When taking an enforcement action against a non-State operated NF, the state provides notification in accordance with 42 CFR 488.402(f).

(i) The notice (except for civil money penalties and State monitoring) specifies the:

1. nature of noncompliance,
2. which remedy is imposed,
3. effective date of the remedy, and
4. right to appeal the determination leading to the remedy.

(ii) The notice for civil money penalties is in writing and contains the information specified in 42 CFR 488.434.

(iii) Except for civil money penalties and State monitoring, notice is given at least 2 calendar days before the effective date of the enforcement remedy for immediate jeopardy situations and at least 15 calendar days before the effective date of the enforcement remedy when immediate jeopardy does not exist.

(iv) Notification of termination is given to the facility and to the public at least 2 calendar days before the remedy's effective date if the noncompliance constitutes immediate jeopardy and at least 15 calendar days before the remedy's effective date if the noncompliance does not constitute immediate jeopardy. The State must terminate the provider agreement of an NF in accordance with procedures in parts 431 and 442.

(b) Factors to be Considered in Selecting Remedies

(i) In determining the seriousness of deficiencies, the State considers the factors specified in 42 CFR 488.404(b)(1) & (2).

The State considers additional factors. Attachment 4.35-A describes the State's other factors.
c) Application of Remedies

(i) If there is immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety, the State terminates the NF's provider agreement within 23 calendar days from the date of the last survey or immediately imposes temporary management to remove the threat within 23 days.

(ii) The State imposes the denial of payment (or its approved alternative) with respect to any individual admitted to an NF that has not come into substantial compliance within 3 months after the last day of the survey.

(iii) The State imposes the denial of payment for new admissions remedy as specified in §488.417 (or its approved alternative) and a State monitor as specified at §488.422, when a facility has been found to have provided substandard quality of care on the last three consecutive standard surveys.

(iv) The State follows the criteria specified at 42 CFR §488.408(c)(2), §488.408(d)(2), and §488.408(e)(2), when it imposes remedies in place of or in addition to termination.

(v) When immediate jeopardy does not exist, the State terminates an NF's provider agreement no later than 6 months from the finding of noncompliance, if the conditions of 42 CFR 488.412(a) are not met.

(d) Available Remedies

(1) The State has established the remedies defined in 42 CFR 488.406(b).

X (1) Termination
X (2) Temporary Management
X (3) Denial of Payment for New Admissions
X (4) Civil Money Penalties
X (5) Transfer of Residents; Transfer of Residents with Closure of Facility
X (6) State Monitoring

Attachments 4.35-A through 4.35-C describe the criteria for applying the above remedies.
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Citation

42 CFR
§488.406(b)

(ii) — The State uses alternative remedies.
The State has established alternative remedies that the State will impose in place of a remedy specified in 42 CFR 488.406(b).

(1) Temporary Management
(2) Denial of Payment for New Admissions
(3) Civil Money Penalties
(4) Transfer of Residents; Transfer of Residents with Closure of Facility
(5) State Monitoring.

Attachments 4.35-B through 4.35-G describe the alternative remedies and the criteria for applying them.

(e) — State Incentive Programs

(1) Public Recognition
(2) Incentive Payments

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Required Coordination Between the Medicaid and WIC Programs

1902(a)(11)(C) and 1902(a)(53) of the Act

The Medicaid agency provides for the coordination between the Medicaid program and the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and provides timely notice and referral to WIC in accordance with section 1902(a)(53) of the Act.
4.39 Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review in Nursing Facilities

(a) The Medicaid agency has in effect a written agreement with the State mental health and mental retardation authorities that meet the requirements of 42 CFR 431.621(c).

(b) The State operates a preadmission and annual resident review program that meets the requirements of 42 CFR 483.100-138.

(c) The State does not claim as "medical assistance under the State Plan" the cost of services to individuals who should receive preadmission screening or annual resident review until such individuals are screened or reviewed.

(d) With the exception of NF services furnished to certain NF residents defined in 42 CFR 483.118(c)(1), the State does not claim as "medical assistance under the State plan" the cost of NF services to individuals who are found not to require NF services.

(e) ATTACHMENT 4.39 specifies the State's definition of specialized services.
(f) Except for residents identified in 42 CFR 483.118(c)(1), the State mental health or mental retardation authority makes categorical determinations that individuals with certain mental conditions or levels of severity of mental illness would normally require specialized services of such an intensity that a specialized services program could not be delivered by the State in most, if not all, NFs and that a more appropriate placement should be utilized.

(g) The State describes any categorical determinations it applies in ATTACHMENT 4.39-A.
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Citation
1902(a)(68) of the Act,
P.L. 109-171 (section 6032)

4.42 Employee Education About False Claims Recoveries.

(a) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements regarding establishment of policies and procedures for the education of employees of entities covered by section 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act (the Act) regarding false claims recoveries and methodologies for oversight of entities’ compliance with these requirements.

(1). Definitions.

(A) An “entity” includes a governmental agency, organization, unit, corporation, partnership, or other business arrangement (including any Medicaid managed care organization, irrespective of the form of business structure or arrangement by which it exists), whether for profit or not-for-profit, which receives or makes payments, under a State Plan approved under title XIX or under any waiver of such plan, totaling at least $5,000,000 annually.

If an entity furnishes items or services at more than a single location or under more than one contractual or other payment arrangement, the provisions of section 1902(a)(68) apply if the aggregate payments to that entity meet the $5,000,000 annual threshold. This applies whether the entity submits claims for payments using one or more provider identification or tax identification numbers.

A governmental component providing Medicaid Health care items or services for which Medicaid payments are made would qualify as an “entity” (e.g., a state mental

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health facility or school district providing school-based health services). A government agency which merely administers the Medicaid program, in whole or part (e.g., managing the claims processing system or determining beneficiary eligibility), is not, for these purposes, considered to be an entity.

An entity will have met the $5,000,000 annual threshold as of January 1, 2007, if it received or made payments in that amount in Federal fiscal year 2006. Future determinations regarding an entity’s responsibility stemming from the requirements of section 1902(a)(68) will be made by January 1 of each subsequent year, based upon the amount of payments an entity either received or made under the State Plan during the preceding Federal fiscal year.

(B) An “employee” includes any officer or employee of the entity.

(C) A “contractor” or “agent” includes any contractor, subcontractor, agent, or other person which or who, on behalf of the entity, furnishes, or other wise authorizes the furnishing of, Medicaid health care items or services, performs billing or coding functions, or is involved in the monitoring of health care provided by the entity.

(2) The entity must establish and disseminate written policies which must also be adopted by its contractors or agents. Written policies may be on paper or in electronic form, but must be readily available to all employees, contractors, or agents.

The entity need not create an employee handbook if none already exists.

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(3) An entity shall establish written policies for all employees (including management), and of any contractor or agent of the entity, that include detailed information about the False Claims Act and the other provisions named in section 1902(a)(68)(A). The entity shall include in those written policies detailed information about the entity’s policies and procedures for detecting and preventing waste, fraud, and abuse. The entity shall also include in any employee handbook a specific discussion of the laws described in the written policies, the rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers and a specific discussion of the entity’s policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

(4) The requirements of this law should be incorporated into each State’s provider enrollment agreements.

(5) The State will implement this State Plan amendment on January 1, 2007.

(b) Attachment 4.42-A describes, in accordance with section 1902(a)(68) of the Act, the methodology of compliance oversight and the frequency with which the State will re-assess compliance on an ongoing basis.

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Citation 1902(a)(69) of the Act, P.L. 109-171 (section 6034) 4.43 Cooperation with Medicaid Integrity Program Efforts.
The Medicaid agency assures it complies with such requirements determined by the Secretary to be necessary for carrying out the Medicaid Integrity Program established under section 1936 of the Act.

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4.46 **Provider Screening and Enrollment**

The State Medicaid agency gives the following assurances:

- **PROVIDER SCREENING**
  X Assures that the State Medicaid agency complies with the process for screening providers under section 1902(a)(39), 1902(a)(77) and 1902(kk) of the Act.

- **ENROLLMENT AND SCREENING OF PROVIDERS**
  X Assures enrolled providers will be screened in accordance with 42 CFR 455.400 et seq.

  X Assures that the State Medicaid agency requires all ordering or referring physicians or other professionals to be enrolled under the State plan or under a waiver of the Plan as a participating provider.

- **VERIFICATION OF PROVIDER LICENSES**
  X Assures that the State Medicaid agency has a method for verifying providers licensed by a State and that such providers licenses have not expired or have no current limitations.

- **REVALIDATION OF ENROLLMENT**
  X Assures that providers will be revalidated regardless of provider type at least every 5 years.

- **TERMINATION OR DENIAL OF ENROLLMENT**
  X Assures that the State Medicaid agency will comply with section 1902(a)(39) of the Act and with the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 455.416 for all terminations or denials of provider enrollment.

- **REACTIVATION OF PROVIDER ENROLLMENT**
  X Assures that any reactivation of provider will include re-screening and payment of application fees as required by 42 CFR 455.460.

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42 CFR 455.422 APPEAL RIGHTS
X Assures that all terminated providers and providers denied enrollment as a result of the requirements of 42 CFR 455.416 will have appeal rights available under procedures established by State law or regulation.

42 CFR 455.432 SITE VISITS
X Assures that pre-enrollment and post-enrollment site visits of providers who are in “moderate” or “high” risk categories will occur.

42 CFR 455.434 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS
X Assures that providers, as a condition of enrollment, will be required to consent to criminal background checks including fingerprints, if required to do so under State law, or by the level of screening based on risk of fraud, waste or abuse for that category of provider.

42 CFR 455.436 FEDERAL DATABASE CHECKS
X Assures that the State Medicaid agency will perform Federal database checks on all providers or any person with an ownership or controlling interest or who is an agent or managing employee of the provider.

42 CFR 455.440 NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER
X Assures that the State Medicaid agency requires that National Provider Identifier of any ordering or referring physician or other professional to be specified on any claim for payment that is based on an order or referral of the physician or other professional.

42 CFR 455.450 SCREENING LEVELS FOR MEDICAID PROVIDERS
X Assures that the State Medicaid agency complies with 1902(a)(77) and 1902(kk) of the Act and with the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 455.450 for screening levels based upon the categorical risk level determined for a provider.

42 CFR 455.460 APPLICATION FEE
X Assures that the State Medicaid agency complies with the requirements for collection of the application fee set forth in section 1866(j)(2)© of the Act and 42 CFR 455.460.

42 CFR 455.470 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ENROLLMENT OF NEW PROVIDERS OR SUPPLIERS
X Assures that the State Medicaid agency complies with any temporary moratorium on the enrollment of new providers or provider types imposes by the Secretary under section 1866(j)(7) and 1902(kk)(4) of the Act, subject to any determination by the State and written notice to the Secretary that such a temporary moratorium would not adversely impact beneficiaries’ access to medical assistance.

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