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DEC 20 2013

Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

RE: Connecticut 13-031

Dear Mr. Bremby:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-D, of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-031. This amendment proposes to revise the reimbursement methodology for nursing facility services. Specifically it, rebases the rates, provides for a stop gain of 0% and stop loss of 1%, applies a 0.273% rate reduction effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and provides for a 0% rate reduction for state fiscal year 2015.

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 implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 13-031 is approved effective July 1, 2013. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Novena James-Hailey at (617) 565-1291.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Mann
Director

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
13-031

2. STATE: CT

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, CENTERS FOR MEDICARE
AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2013

5. TYPE OF STATE 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:
Section 1905(a)(4)(A); 42 CFR 440.40(a) and
447.253(a) and (b)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2013 (\$0) (savings)
b. FFY 2014 (\$3 million) (savings)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19D pages 59 and 59a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If applicable)
Attachment 4.19D pages 59 and 59a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective July 1, 2013, SPA 13-031 proposes to amend Attachment 4.19D of the Connecticut Medicaid State Plan to implement rebasing of nursing facility rates and a decrease in nursing facility rates compared to the previous state fiscal year for State Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

*Deputy Commissioner for
Roderick L. Bremby*

16. RETURN TO:

State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033
Attention: Ginny Mahoney, Medical Policy

TYPED NAME: Roderick L. Bremby

14. TITLE: Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
September 30, 2013

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED: DEC 20 2013

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

JUL 01 2013

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: Penny Thompson

22. TITLE: Deputy Director, Policy & Financial Mgt. CMS

23. REMARKS:

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facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2007, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2008 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except for any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2008, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2008, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2008. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2013, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide each facility a rate increase three and seven tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2011. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations, provide each facility a rate increase thirty-three hundredths of a per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2012. Increases in allowable fair rent based upon annual cost filings shall be added to any other rate increases for a facility which has undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent, except for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, such fair rent increases shall only be provided to facilities with an approved certificate of need for capital project expenditures. Effective January 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide pro rata fair rent increases for 39.95% of fair rent additions placed in service in cost report periods ending September 30, 2008 to September 30, 2011, inclusive, and not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, rates shall be based upon 2011 cost report filings in accordance with part (8) of this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, rates shall not exceed the rate in effect as of June 30, 2013 and shall not decrease more than 1 per cent than the rate in effect as of June 30, 2013, except for any facility that would have been issued a lower rate due to interim rate status or agreement with the department. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a 0.273 per cent rate decrease for the period from September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and a 0 per cent decrease for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

For the purpose of determining allowable fair rent, a facility with allowable fair rent less than the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent shall be reimbursed as having allowable fair rent equal to the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent, provided for the rate years ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, the reimbursement may not exceed the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent for the rate year ending June 30, 1995. Beginning with the rate year ending June 30, 1996, any facility with a rate of return on real property other than land in excess of eleven per cent shall have such allowance revised to eleven per cent. Any facility or its related realty affiliate which

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finances or refinances debt through bonds issued by the State of Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority shall after reporting the terms and conditions of such financing or refinancing have the fair rent component of its rate adjusted to account for a share of, on a case-by-case basis the financial benefit the facility or its related realty affiliate received as a result of such financing or refinancing, including but not limited to, reductions in the amount of debt service payments or period of debt repayment. For good cause actual allowable debt service costs for bonds issued by the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority shall be allowed if such costs do not exceed allowable reimbursement component of the rate for a not-for-profit facility shall be as follows; first, fair rent as defined in the State Plan shall be calculated and second, to reflect the requirements of the State Plan which limit a not-for-profit facility's aggregate total allowable property costs. For facilities which first open on or after October 1, 1992, allowable fair rent shall be determined for real property other than land based on the rate of return for the cost year in which such bonds were issued. The methodology used to determine the property costs, the Department in its rate computation shall include the lower of fair rent or the Facility's actual allowable property costs comprised of allowable depreciation and interest plus those costs not allowed in the cost component categories of administrative and general, indirect and direct as a result of per day costs in excess of established cost component maximums plus amounts disallowed for salaries (including managerial), fees and dues in excess of reimbursement guidelines, and interest expenses related to movable equipment.

(6) A facility shall receive cost efficiency adjustments for indirect costs and for administrative and general costs if such costs are below the state-wide median costs. The cost efficiency adjustments shall equal twenty-five percent of the difference between allowable reported costs and the applicable median allowable cost.

(7) For the rate year ending June 30, 1992, allowable operating costs, excluding fair rent, shall be inflated using the Regional Data Resources Incorporated McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index (all urban) - All Items minus one and one-half per cent. For the rate year ending June 30, 1993, allowable operating costs, excluding fair rent, shall be inflated using the Regional Data Resources Incorporated McGraw-Hill Health Care Costs: Consumer Price Index (all urban) - All Items minus one and three quarters percent. For the rate year ending June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995,