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Ann Jensen, Administrator
Nevada Health Authority
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Re: Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) NV-25-0017

Dear Administrator Jensen:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number NV-25-0017. The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) is to enhance the Nursing Facility Services sections for both the Nursing Facility and IMD over 65 benefits by adding clarifying language to the authorization process. The SPA also removes obsolete language and adds language for both the Nursing Facility and IMD over 65 benefits (including IMD over 65 inpatient hospital services) to update terminology and demonstrate adherence to federal and state requirements.

We have conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Nevada Medicaid SPA NV-25-0017 was approved on August 19, 2025, with an effective date of July 01, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Williams at 410-786-2539 or via email at Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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4.a. Nursing Facility (NF) Services

Nursing facility (NF) services require prior authorization from the QIO-like vendor.

Prior authorization includes submission of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). In accordance with 42 CFR § 483 Subpart C, the PASRR process applies to all individuals applying to or residing in a Medicaid-certified NF. This includes both preadmission screenings and, when applicable, post-admission resident reviews to ensure appropriate placement and services for individuals with serious mental illness, intellectual disability, or related conditions.

Prior authorization process also includes submission of a Level of Care (LOC) assessment and order by a physician that NF services are medically necessary.

Upon admission all NF services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR § 440.40(a)(1)(iii).

4.b. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services as defined in 42 CFR 440.40(b). All medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services will be provided to EPSDT recipients to treat conditions detected by periodic and interperiodic screening services, even if the services are not included in the "State Plan."

Services in a school-based setting must be performed by qualified providers as set forth in the State Plan for the services they are providing and operating under their scope of practice and licensure as set forth by their appropriate licensing agency or board and shall meet applicable qualifications under 42 CFR Part 440.

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14. Services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for mental diseases

- A. Inpatient hospital services are limited to recipients 65 and older if the admission is prior authorized by the QIO-like vendor. The only exception for the recipient to be admitted without prior authorization would be in the event of an emergency in which the QIO-like vendor must be notified for certification purposes within five business days after the admission.

Inpatient psychiatric services are limited to seven days. Additional services may be authorized if accompanied by daily documentation from the attending physician and determined medically necessary by the state.

An emergency psychiatric admission must meet at least one of the following three criteria:

1. Active suicidal ideation accompanied by a documented suicide attempt or documented history of a suicide attempt(s) within the past 90 days; or
 2. Active suicidal ideation accompanied by physical evidence (e.g., a note) or means to carry out the suicide threat (e.g., gun, knife or another deadly weapon); or
 3. Documented aggression within the 72-hour period before admission:
 - a. Which resulted in harm to self, others, or property;
 - b. Which manifests that control cannot be maintained outside inpatient hospitalization; and
 - c. Which is expected to continue if no treatment is provided.
- B. Nursing facility services require prior authorization from the QIO-like vendor.

Prior authorization includes submission of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). In accordance with 42 CFR § 483 Subpart C, the PASRR process applies to all individuals applying to or residing in a Medicaid-certified NF. This includes both preadmission screenings and, when applicable, post-admission resident reviews to ensure appropriate placement and services for individuals with serious mental illness, intellectual disability, or related conditions.

Prior authorization process also includes submission of a Level of Care (LOC) assessment and order by a physician that NF services are medically necessary.

Upon admission all NF services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR §440.40(a)(1)(iii).

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The NEMT broker provides NEMT both statewide and out of state. Recipients traveling out of state may have the cost of meals and lodging en route to and from medical care, and while receiving medical care reimbursed. An attendant's costs may be covered if an attendant is required to ensure the recipient receives required medical services.

Medicaid does not reimburse the costs of non-emergency travel which had not been prior authorized or transportation to non-covered medical services. Ambulance charges for waiting time, stairs, plane loadings and in-town mileage and No shows, where a ride does not occur are also not reimbursable.

Full benefit dual eligible recipients may receive NEMT services to Access Medicaid only services.

Provider Qualifications

To be a NEMT provider, a vendor must have a current provider agreement with Nevada Medicaid NEMT broker, a State issued exemption from TSA regulation, proof of a liability insurance policy, pursuant to NRS 706.291 for a similar situated motor carrier, a criminal background check and an alcohol and substance abuse testing program in place for the drivers, and vehicles adequately maintained to meet the requirements of the contract. Vehicles shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

- 24.d. Nursing facility services for recipients under 21 years of age require prior authorization from the QIO-like vendor.

Prior authorization includes submission of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). In accordance with 42 CFR § 483 Subpart C, the PASRR process applies to all individuals applying to or residing in a Medicaid-certified NF. This includes both preadmission screenings and, when applicable, post-admission resident reviews to ensure appropriate placement and services for individuals with serious mental illness, intellectual disability, or related conditions.

Prior authorization process also includes submission of a Level of Care (LOC) assessment and order by a physician that NF services are medically necessary.

Upon admission all NF services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR § 440.40(a)(1)(iii).

- 24.f. Personal care services covered under Item 26, Page 10a.