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Mr. Blake T. Fulenwider
Deputy Commissioner
Chief, Division of Medical Assistance Plans
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th floor
Atlanta, GA 30303-3159

RE: Georgia State Plan Amendment 18-0007

November 9, 2018

Dear Mr. Fulenwider:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number 18-0007. Effective for deliveries occurring on and after July 1, 2018, an additional payment per newborn delivery will increase by $250 for hospitals in rural counties with populations less than 35,000. This increase brings the total add-on payment for every delivery in hospitals in rural counties to $1,000.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We have found that the proposed reimbursement methodology complies with applicable requirements and therefore have approved them with an effective date of July 1, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Anna Dubois at (850) 878-0916.

Sincerely,

Kristin Fan
Director

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-007	2. STATE GEORGIA
	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, 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:
42 CFR 447.205, 42 CFR 440.10	FFY 2018 $334,081 FFY 2019 $989,368
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*:
Attachment 4.19-A, page 14a	Attachment 4.19-A, page 14a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: State Plan Amendment 18-007, Increase in Rural Hospital OB Delivery add-on payment from $750 to $1000

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:
Single State Agency Comments Attached

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: Blake T. Fulenwider	16. RETURN TO:
13. TYPED NAME: BLAKE FULENWIDER	Department of Community Health Division of Medicaid 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159
14. TITLE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHIEF, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLANS	
15. DATE SUBMITTED:	

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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: NOV 09 2018
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL 01 2018	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan	22. TITLE: Director, FMG

23. REMARKS:

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - INPATIENT SERVICES

I. Hospital Crossover Claims

The maximum allowable payment to enrolled Georgia and non-Georgia hospitals for Medicare inpatient deductibles and coinsurance (crossover claims) will be the hospital-specific Medicaid per case rate. The maximum allowable payment to non-Georgia hospitals not enrolled the Georgia Medicaid program for Medicare inpatient crossover claims will be the average hospital-specific inpatient per case rate for enrolled non- Georgia hospitals.

J. Payment in Full

1. Participating in-state providers must accept the amount paid in accordance with the Georgia Title XIX Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Plan as payment in full for covered services.

K. Expanded Newborn Screening Program

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2010, an additional payment of $50 per newborn admission will be made to fund costs associated with the expansion of the newborn screening program administered by the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Rural Hospital Newborn Delivery Program

Effective for deliveries occurring between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, an additional payment of $250 per newborn delivery will be made to hospitals in rural counties with populations less than 35,000.

Effective for deliveries occurring between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, the additional payment per newborn delivery will increase by $500, resulting in a total additional payment of $750 per newborn delivery for hospitals in rural counties with populations less than 35,000.

Effective for deliveries occurring on and after July 1, 2018, the additional payment per newborn delivery will increase by $250, resulting in a total additional payment of $1,000 per newborn delivery for hospitals in rural counties with populations less than 35,000.