

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

October 22, 2020

Deidre S. Gifford, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

RE: Connecticut 20-0018

Dear Commissioner Gifford:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 20-0018. Effective July 1, 2020, this amendment revises reimbursement for inpatient hospital services for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021. Specifically, it increases the inpatient hospital acute per diem rate for Natchaug Hospital to \$975 during SFY2021 only. In addition, the child discharge delay rate and adult days 30+ rate will increase to 85% of \$975, which is \$828.75.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1923 and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C.

This is to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment TN 20-0018 is approved effective July 1, 2020. The CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s) are attached.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Novena James-Hailey at (617) 565-1291 or Novena.JamesHailey@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Francis T. McCullough

For

Rory Howe
Acting Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL
OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
20-0018

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, 2020

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)(1) of the Social Security Act and
42 CFR 440.10 and 447.253(a), (b), and (c)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
FFY 2020 \$90,000
FFY 2021 \$416,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19-A, Page 32

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT (If applicable)
Attachment 4.19-A, Page 32

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, this SPA amends Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan to increase the inpatient hospital acute per diem rate for Natchaug Hospital to \$975 during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021. In addition, the child discharge delay rate and adult days 30+ rate, which are set at 85% of the per diem rate, will also increase accordingly to 85% of \$975, which is \$828.75.

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:

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



Digitally signed by Deidre S. Gifford
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Services, ou=Commissioner,
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13. TYPED NAME: Deidre S. Gifford

14. TITLE: Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
September 29, 2020

16. RETURN TO:

State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue – 9th floor
Hartford, CT 06105
Attention: Ginny Mahoney

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED: 10/22/20

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
July 1, 2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
Francis T. McCullough For

21. TYPED NAME: Rory Howe

22. TITLE: Acting Director

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Connecticut

(4) Private Psychiatric Hospitals for individuals under 22 and over 64 years of age:

- a. Effective July 1, 2011, the per diem rate for acute psychiatric care provided in a private psychiatric hospital shall be \$814.65.

Effective January 1, 2012, per diem rates for private psychiatric hospitals will differentiate between adults 19 years of age and older and children 18 years of age and younger. Additionally, the adult psychiatric per diem rates will differentiate between lengths of stays less than 30 days and stays of 30 days or more. Additionally, the child psychiatric per diem rates will differentiate between medically necessary acute days and medically necessary discharge delay days.

Except as otherwise provided below, effective January 1, 2012, per diem rates for private psychiatric hospitals shall be:

	Adult Per Diem		Child Per Diem	
	Days 1-29	Days 30+	Acute Days	Discharge Delay Days
NATCHAUG	\$814.65	\$692.45	\$829.96	\$705.47

Effective only from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the per diem rate for Natchaug Hospital is: (1) \$975.00 for adult per diem days 1-29 and child per diem acute days and (2) \$828.75 for adult days 30+ and child discharge delay days (85% of the per diem rate for adult days 1-29 and child acute days).

- b. The per diem rate is inclusive of all hospital service fees and hospital-based professional services. Payment shall continue as long as placement in this level of care is appropriate.
- c. Each out-of-state psychiatric hospital may have its rate set optionally based at \$1,050.00 per day, its home state Medicaid rate, its Medicare base rate, its percentage of allowable costs to charges based on its most recent Medicare cost report, or 42.9% of charges. Such percentage is applied to usual and customary charges in determining reimbursement.