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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

September 4, 2026

Wendy E. Hill Petras, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations
Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: Nebraska State Plan Amendment NE 26-0007

Dear Ms. Petras:

Enclosed please find the above referenced amendment to the Nebraska Medicaid State Plan regarding the nursing facility rate inflation factor for state fiscal year 2027.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care sent notice on June 8, 2026 (attached) to the federally recognized Native American Tribes and Indian Health Programs within the State of Nebraska to discuss the impact the proposed state plan amendment might have, if any, on the Tribes. No comments were received.

If you have content questions, please feel free to contact Jeremy Brunssen at jeremy.brunssen@nebraska.gov or 402-540-0380. For submittal questions, please contact Dawn Kastens at dawn.kastens@nebraska.gov or 531-893-3379.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Tyson Christensen
Tim Weidler

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <table border="1"><tr><td>2</td><td>6</td><td>—</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>7</td></tr></table>	2	6	—	0	0	0	7	2. STATE <table border="1"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr></table>	N	E
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT ☒ XIX ☐ XXI												
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2026										
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 447 Subpart C		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 2026 \$ <u>\$1,060,589</u> b. FFY 2027 \$ <u>\$4,136,185</u>										
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Att. 4.19-D, Pg 15		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Att. 4.19-D, Pg 15										
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT State Fiscal Year 2027 Nursing Facility Inflation Factor												
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) ☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT ☐ SPECIFIED: COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED ☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL ☒ OTHER, AS Governor has waived review												
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 		15. RETURN TO Dawn Kastens Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509										
12. TYPED NAME Jeremy Brunssen												
13. TITLE Interim Director, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care												
14. DATE SUBMITTED September 4, 2026												
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16. DATE RECEIVED		17. DATE APPROVED										
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22. REMARKS												