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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-14-26
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Medical Benefits Health Programs Group

October 27, 2025

Cheryl J. Roberts, Director
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Cheryl J. Roberts,

The CMS Division of Pharmacy team has reviewed Virginia State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0021 received in the CMS Medicaid Services OneMAC application on September 18, 2025. This SPA proposes to revise the number of members needed for a quorum for action of the P&T Committee.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 25-0021 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2025. Our review was limited to the materials necessary to evaluate the SPA under applicable federal laws and regulations.

We are attaching a copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the page approved for incorporation into Virginia's state plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Porscha Brink at (202) 260-4025 or Porscha.brink@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Catherine A Traugott

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Catherine A. Traugott, R.Ph., J.D.
Acting Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Meredith Lee, Policy, Regulations, & Manuals Supervisor, DMAS
Margaret Kosherzenko, VA State Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group, CMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 25-0021

2. STATE: VA

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
7/1/2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR Part 440

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2025 $ 0
b. FFY 2026 $ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Supplement 1 Attachment 3.1-A&B, revised page 23

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Same as box #7.

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

10. 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:
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Cheryl J. Roberts

13. TITLE
Agency Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
August 18, 2025

15. RETURN TO
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, #1300
Richmond VA 23219

Attn: Policy, Regulations, and Manuals Supervisor

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16. DATE RECEIVED
September 18, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED
October 27, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
July 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Catherine A Traugott
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Date: 2025.10.27 08:21:52 -06'00'

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Catherine A. Traugott, R.Ph., J.D.

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Acting Director, Division of Pharmacy

22. REMARKS

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of VIRGINIA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL
AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY
and MEDICALLY NEEDY

b. Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

(1) The Department shall utilize a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (the "P & T Committee") to assist in the development and ongoing administration of the preferred drug list and other pharmacy program issues. The Committee may adopt bylaws that set out its make-up and functioning. A quorum for action of the Committee shall consist of nine members.

(2) Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. The Department shall appoint individuals for the Committee that assures a cross-section of the physician and pharmacy community.

(3) Duties of the Committee. The Committee shall receive and review clinical and pricing data related to the drug classes. The Committee's medical and pharmacy experts shall make recommendations to DMAS regarding various aspects of the pharmacy program. For the preferred drug list program, the Committee shall select those drugs to be deemed preferred that are safe, clinically effective, as supported by available clinical data, and meet pricing standards. Cost-effectiveness or any pricing standard shall be considered only after a drug is determined to be safe and clinically effective.

(4) As the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves new drug products, the Department shall ensure that the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee will evaluate the drug for clinical appropriateness. Based on clinical information and pricing standards, the P&T Committee will determine if the drug will be included in the PDL or require prior authorization.