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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 23-0030**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60601



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**Financial Management Group**

September 21, 2023

Director: Stephanie Stephens  
State Medicaid/CHIP Director  
Health and Human Services Commission  
Mail Code: H100  
Post Office Box 13247  
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Texas TN 23-0030

Dear Director: Emily Zalkovsky,

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#23-0030, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 15, 2023. The proposed amendment updates the physicians and other practitioners fee schedules.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Monica Neiman at: [Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
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2. STATE  
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**July 1, 2023**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**Social Security Act §§1902(a)(30), 1905(a)(5)(A) Physician services  
NIPT; 1905(a)(6) Other Licensed Practitioner - medical or remedial  
care NIPT; 42 CFR §447.201(b).**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2023 \$ \$0  
b. FFY 2024 \$ \$0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-B  
4.19-B Pages 1a.3**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN  
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

**Attachment 4.19-B  
4.19-B Pages 1a.3 (TN 23-0012)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

**The proposed amendment updates the physicians and other practitioners fee schedules.**

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: Sent to Governor's Office this  
date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME

**Emily Zalkovsky**

13. TITLE

**State Medicaid Director**

14. DATE SUBMITTED

**September 15, 2023**

15. RETURN TO

**Emily Zalkovsky  
State Medicaid Director  
Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100  
Austin, Texas 78711**

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

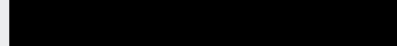
16. DATE RECEIVED  
September 15, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED  
September 21, 2023

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
July 1, 2023

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL



20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

**1. Physicians and Other Practitioners (continued)**

- (f) When a procedure code is nationally discontinued, a replacement procedure code is nationally assigned for the discontinued procedure code, Medicaid implements the replacement procedure code, and a state plan amendment will not be submitted since the fee for the service has not changed.
- (g) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website, as outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (h) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for services provided by physicians and other practitioners affiliated with tuberculosis clinics or employed by tuberculosis clinics, effective July 1, 2018. This fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on July 6, 2018.
- (i) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for therapy assistants. Effective September 1, 2019, the reimbursement for therapy assistants will equal 80 percent of the payment to a therapist.
- (j) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees to include peer specialists, effective March 1, 2022. This fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on or prior to March 15, 2022.
- (k) For dates of service on or after February 1, 2021, the reimbursement for services provided by a licensed assistant behavioral analyst will be reimbursed at 80 percent of the rate paid to a licensed behavior analyst.
- (l) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for physicians and other practitioners effective July 1, 2023. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by September 15, 2023.