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State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 23-0034

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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
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Financial Management Group

October 3, 2023

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

RE: Texas TN 23-0034

Dear Director Zalkovsky,

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#23-0034, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 27, 2023. The proposed amendment updates the Ambulance Services fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 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.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

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 2 3 0 0 3 4	2. STATE T X
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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
September 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
**Social Security Act §1905(a)(29);
42 CFR §440.170(a) and 42 CFR §431.53**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY	2023	\$	17,341
b. FFY	2024	\$	199,788
c. FFY	2025	\$	197,605

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1b**

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 PAGENUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1b (TN 18-0018)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment updates the Ambulance Services fee schedule. HHSC is making this change in accordance with the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 33), which provides appropriations for a reimbursement rate increase for this facility type.


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 27, 2023


15. RETURN TO

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

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16. DATE RECEIVED September 27, 2023	17. DATE APPROVED October 3, 2023
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL September 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

2. Ambulance Services.

- (a) Ground and air ambulance services are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Fees established by HHSC are based on a review of the Medicare fee schedule and/or an analysis of other data available to HHSC such as relevant fee schedules.
- (b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for providers of ambulance services effective September 1, 2023, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on September 15, 2023.