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State/Territory Name: Texas

State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 23-0036

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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



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 23-0036

Dear Director Zalkovsky,

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#23-0036, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 22, 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 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,

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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
September 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 \$ \$1,289,646
b. FFY 2024 \$ \$3,590,650

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN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 23-0030)**

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 22, 2023

15. RETURN TO

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

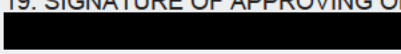
FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
September 22, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED
October 3, 2023

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

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 September 1, 2023. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on September 15, 2023.