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State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 24-0025

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

October 7, 2024

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

RE: TN 24-0025

Dear Director: Emily Zalkovsky,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Texas state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B 24-0025, which was submitted to CMS on September 30, 2024. The proposed amendment updates the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule, effective September 1, 2024.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2024. 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.

Enclosures

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
2 4 0 0 2 5

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, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
**42 C.F.R. §§ 440.40 and 441.56; §1905(r) of Social Security Act,
relating to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment.**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY **2024** \$ **26**
b. FFY **2025** \$ **311**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 25i**

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN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

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 25i (TN 24-0012)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment updates the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule.

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
Valerie Mayes

13. TITLE
**Deputy State Medicaid Director
(Signing on behalf of Emily Zalkovsky, State Medicaid Director)**

14. DATE SUBMITTED
September 30, 2024

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 30, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED
October 7, 2024

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18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
September 1, 2024

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Todd McMillion

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

22. REMARKS

32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued
(10) Physician services

- (a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include:
 - (1) Vaccines not covered by the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVCP) for clients under age 21, which are reimbursed as access-based fees in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - (2) Services delivered by school districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
- (b) For dates of service on or after September 1, 2019, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 80 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (c) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (d) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective September 1, 2024. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by September 15, 2024.

TN: 24-0025 Approval Date: October 7, 2024

Supersedes TN: 24-0012 Effective Date: September 1, 2024