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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**

March 22, 2022

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

RE: Texas TN 22-0002

Dear Ms. Stephens:

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#22-0002, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 14, 2022. The proposed amendment updates the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2022. 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*

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 2 0 0 0 2**

2. STATE  
**T X**

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  
**January 1, 2022**

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 **2022** \$ **117**  
b. FFY **2023** \$ **161**  
c. FFY **2024** \$ **159**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
**Attachment 4.19-B  
Page 25i  
Page 25k.1**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN  
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
  
**Attachment 4.19-B  
Page 25i (TN 21-0039)  
Page 25k.1 (TN 21-0020)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
  
**The proposed amendment updates the Early and 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  
**Stephanie Stephens**  
Digitally signed by Stephanie Stephens  
Date: 2022.03.14 10:54:34 -05'00'

12. TYPED NAME  
**Stephanie Stephens**

13. TITLE  
**State Medicaid Director**

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
**March 14, 2022**

15. RETURN TO  
  
**Stephanie Stephens  
State Medicaid Director  
Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100  
Austin, Texas 78711**

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED  
**March 14, 2022**

17. DATE APPROVED  
**March 22, 2022**

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
**January 1, 2022**

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
*Todd McMillion*

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 accessed-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 January 1, 2022. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by March 15, 2022.

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

- 13) Dental services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those provided by independently enrolled dentists who are reimbursed according to the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). These are access-based fees under Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other practitioners.
- (a) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (b) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT dental services effective January 1, 2022. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by March 15, 2022.