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Financial Management Group

April 29, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Stephens
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Health and Human Services Commission
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RE: Texas TN 22-0016

Dear Ms. Stephens:

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#22-0016, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 30, 2022. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC) transportation rate to align with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission PPECC biennial fee review.

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

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion

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Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

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

(19) Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) Services

(a) Payment rates are developed based on payment rates determined for other programs that provide similar services. If there are no similar services or there is no prior provider experience in the state that can inform the development of payment rates, payment rates are determined using a pro forma analysis.

(b) A pro forma analysis is defined as an item-by-item, or classes-of-items, calculation of the reasonable and necessary expenses for a provider to operate a PPECC while meeting all regulatory requirements. This analysis may involve assumptions about the salary of an administrator or program director, staff salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes, building depreciation, mortgage interest, contracted client care expenses, and other building or administration expenses using inflated historical costs of delivering similar services, where appropriate data are available, and estimating the basic types and costs of products and services necessary to deliver services meeting federal and state requirements.

(c) To determine the cost per unit of service, all the pro forma expenses are totaled and the total is divided by the estimated units of service.

(d) Providers of a bundled service payment will maintain data to include information showing the provision, by practitioner, of the individual covered Medicaid service in the bundled payment, the extent of services the provider furnishes to beneficiaries, and the cost, by practitioner and type of service, of services delivered under the bundled rate.

(e) PPECCs are limited to 12 hours a day and are further restricted by state licensure requirements to daytime hours; therefore, the rates will not include room and board.

(f) The per diem PPECC transportation rate is a once per day round trip encounter rate. The rate is payable only on days the client utilizes PPECC transportation.

(g) The total of the pro forma rate and the transportation per diem will not exceed the average private duty nursing rate under EPSDT.

(h) HHSC reviews and, if necessary, updates all rates on a biannual basis.

(i) If HHSC requires the provider to submit a cost report, the provider must follow the prescribed cost reporting guidelines.

(j) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

(k) The agency's fee schedule will be revised with new fees for PPECC services effective March 1, 2022. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by March 1, 2022.

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