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State Plan Amendment

SPA 20-0001 (Physicians’ and Other Practitioners) - Effective 01/01/2020

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Financial Management Group

June 18, 2020

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 20-0001

Dear Ms. Stephens:

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#20-0001, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 31, 2020. 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 January 1, 2020. 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 Tamara Sampson at 214-767-6431 or Tamara.Sampson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES**

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1. **TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:** 20-0001

2. **STATE:** TEXAS

3. **PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)**

4. **PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2020

5. **TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Circle One):**

   - NEW STATE PLAN
   - AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

   **COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)**

6. **FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:**

   - Social Security Act §1902(a)(30); 42 CFR §447.201(b)

7. **FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:**

   - **SEE ATTACHMENT**
   - a. FFY 2020 ($2,580,778)
   - b. FFY 2021 ($769,676)
   - c. FFY 2022 ($771,792)

8. **PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:**

   **SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9**

9. **PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):**

   **SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9**

10. **SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:**

    The proposed amendment updates the physicians' and other practitioners' fee schedules.

11. **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

12. **SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:**

    □

13. **TYPED NAME:**

    Stephanie Muth

14. **TITLE:**

    State Medicaid Director

15. **DATE SUBMITTED:**

    March 31, 2020

16. **RETURN TO:**

    Stephanie Muth

    State Medicaid Director

    Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100

    Austin, Texas 78711

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**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. **DATE RECEIVED:**

18. **DATE APPROVED:** 6/18/2020

19. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:**

    1/1/2020

20. **SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:**

    □

21. **TYPED NAME:**

    Todd McMillion

22. **TITLE:**

    Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. **REMARKS:**

    **Pen and Ink change requested by the State via email dated June 9, 2020.**
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, and Medicaid implements the replacement procedure code, a state plan amendment will not be submitted since the fee for the service has not changed.

(g) To ensure access to care and prompt provider reimbursement, when a new national procedure code is assigned to a physician-administered drug or biological product, a preliminary reimbursement rate will be established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on the published Medicare reimbursement rate; or the average wholesale price (AWP) in the absence of a Medicare reimbursement rate for the procedure code or the comparable code. In accordance with 42 CFR §447.205(b)(1), a public notice and state plan amendment will not be submitted for this preliminary reimbursement rate. This will allow the new procedure code to be payable as the reimbursement process is completed with a public notice published and a state plan amendment submitted.

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

(i) 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, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on July 6, 2018.

(j) 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.

(k) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees to include peer specialists effective January 1, 2019, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on January 7, 2019.

(l) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for physicians and other practitioners effective January 1, 2020, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on March 15, 2020.