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**State/Territory Name: California**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0009**

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- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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**Financial Management Group**

May 7, 2021

Jacey Cooper  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

RE: TN 21-0009

Dear Ms. Cooper:

We have reviewed the proposed California State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, CA-21-0009, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This plan amendment updates the rates for Radiological services to pay no more than 80% of the corresponding Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rate.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Blake Holt at 303-844-6218 or [blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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 1 — 0 0 09

2. STATE

California

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

TITLE XIX OF THE SSA (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2021

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*)

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

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

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447, Subpart F

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2021 \$ (820,411)  
b. FFY 2022 \$ (1,093,882)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 3k

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for Radiology Services

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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

13. TYPED NAME  
Jacey Cooper

14. TITLE  
State Medicaid Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED  
March 26, 2021

16. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services  
Attn: Director's Office  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

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17. DATE RECEIVED  
March 26, 2021

18. DATE APPROVED  
May 7, 2021

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
January 1, 2021

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME  
Todd McMillion

22. TITLE  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

For Box 11 "Other, As Specified," Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE: California

REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES

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- 1) Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedules are the same for both governmental and private providers of radiological services. Effective January 1, 2021, the department's fee schedule rates for radiology services will be adjusted. All Medi-Cal Fee for Service rates are published at: <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/rates/rateshome.aspx>
- 2) Effective January 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for radiology services will continue to be set at no more than 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare 2021 Physician Fee Schedule rates. Any rate at or below 80 percent of the applicable Medicare rate will not be decreased.