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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Financial Management Group

May 3, 2021

John Bartholomew, Chief Financial Officer
Attn: Lauren Reveley
Colorado Department of Health Care
Policy and Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203-1818

RE: Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number (TN#) 20-0037

Dear Mr. Bartholomew:

We have reviewed the proposed Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on October 28, 2020. This plan amendment would revise the methods and standards for establishing payment rates for hospice services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of October 01, 2020. 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 LaJoshica (Josh) Smith at 214-767-6453 or lajoshica.smith@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 20-0037	2. STATE: COLORADO
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2020	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN X AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1905(a)(18) of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2020-21: (\$130,627) b. FFY 2021-22: (\$142,715)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – 18. Hospice Services, Page 1 of 2		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – 18. Hospice Services, Page 1 of 2 (TN 19-0009)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Methods and standards for establishing payment rates for hospice services, reflecting rate changes effective October 1, 2020.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor's letter dated 11 October, 2019 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818 Attn: Lauren Reveley	
13. TYPED NAME: John Bartholomew			
14. TITLE: Chief Financial Officer			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: [see electronic signature date stamp in box 12]			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED 10/28/2020		18. DATE APPROVED 05/03/2021	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 10/01/2020		20. SIGNATURE OF 	
21. TYPED NAME Todd McMillion		22. TITLE Director, Division of Reimbursement Review	
23. REMARKS			

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE OF COLORADO

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES –
OTHER TYPES OF CARE

18. HOSPICE SERVICES

1. Services that are included in the hospice reimbursement are:
 - a. Routine Home Care where most hospice care is provided-Days 1-60
 - b. Routine Home Care where most hospice care is provided-Days 61 and over.
 - c. Continuous Home Care
 - d. Hospice Inpatient Respite Care
 - e. Hospice General Inpatient Care
 - f. Service Intensity Add-On (SIA), effective for hospice services with dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, will be made for a visit by a social worker or a registered nurse (RN), when provided during routine home care provided in the last 7 days of a Medicaid member's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the routine home care rate. The SIA Medicaid reimbursement will be equal to the Continuous Home Care hourly payment rate (as calculated annually by CMS), multiplied by the amount of direct patient care hours provided by an RN or social worker for up to four (4) hours total that occurred on the day of service, and adjusted by the appropriate hospice wage index published by CMS.
2. Hospice nursing facility room-and-board per diem rates are reimbursed to the hospice provider at a rate equal to 95% of the skilled nursing facility rate, less any Post Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI) amount, for Medicaid clients who are receiving hospice services. The hospice provider is responsible for passing the room-and-board payment through to the nursing facility.
3. Physician services are not included in Hospice reimbursement but are reimbursed directly to the provider of the service.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Effective October 1, 2020, the hospice rates for each of the hospice levels of care listed above will be equal to 115.56% of the CMS Medicare federal fiscal year 2019-20 hospice rates with the FFY 2019-2020 hospice wage indices applied. The resulting rates are effective for services provided on or after that date.