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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0006

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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



Financial Management Group

June 10, 2021

Kathleen M. Brennan, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Social Services
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

RE: Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0006

Dear Deputy Commissioner Brennan:

We have reviewed the proposed Connecticut 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 March 30, 2021. This plan amendment incorporated the 2021 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to the Independent Radiology and Independent laboratory fee schedules to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and added multiple procedure codes to the outpatient physician fee schedule.

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 James Moreth at 206-615-2043 or James.Moreth@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	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21-0006	2. STATE: CT
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021
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5. TYPE OF STATE 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: Section 1905(a)(3) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 440.30	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2021 \$3,000 b. FFY 2022 \$5,000
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Addendum Page 11 to Attachment 4.19-B Page 1	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If applicable) Addendum Page 11 to Attachment 4.19-B Page 1
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This SPA incorporates the 2021 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to the Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory fee schedules to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This SPA also establishes fixed fees for certain laboratory codes that were previously manually priced because Medicare recently established fees for those codes. Added codes are priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category based on available information.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: State of Connecticut Department of Social Services 55 Farmington Avenue – 9th floor Hartford, CT 06105 Attention: Ginny Mahoney
13. TYPED NAME: Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	
14. TITLE: Commissioner	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 30, 2021	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: March 30, 2021	18. DATE APPROVED: June 10, 2021
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PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2021	20. APPROVED BY:  AL:
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21. TYPED NAME: Todd McMillion	22. TITLE: Director, Division of Reimbursement Review
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23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Connecticut

(3) Other Laboratory and X-ray Services –

- **Laboratory Services:** Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of laboratory services. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” The Department reviews Medicare rate changes annually to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

- **X-ray Services provided by independent radiology centers:** Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of x-ray services provided by independent radiology centers. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2021. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Select the “Independent Radiology” fee schedule, which displays global fees, including both the technical and professional components of each fee.

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Supersedes
TN# 20-0019

Approval Date 6/10/21

Effective Date 01-01-2021