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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
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Financial Management Group

September 17, 2021

Marylou Sudders, Secretary
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0018

Dear Secretary Sudders:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of Massachusetts's state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 30th, 2021. This plan amendment provides updates to the rate of payment for hearing services. This SPA is making changes to (1) increase rates for certain hearing services covered by an adjustment of 9.66%; (2) incorporate certain cochlear implant device related services and increase these rates by an adjustment of 9.66%; and (3) establish service-specific codes and rates for bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA) services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of June 1st, 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 Jerica Bennett at 1-410-786-1167 or jerica.bennett@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 & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>21-018</u>	2. STATE MA
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 06/01/2021
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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 Part 447; 42 USC 1396d(a)(6); 42 CFR 440.60	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY 21 \$ 110,000 b. FFY 22 \$ 320,000
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B page 1a-i	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) Attachment 4.19-B page 1a-i


10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment regarding methods used to determine rates of payment for hearing services

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

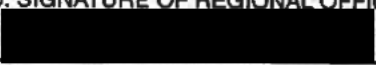
Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	16. RETURN TO The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid One Ashburton Place, Room 1109 Boston, MA 02108
13. TYPED NAME Marylou Sudders	
14. TITLE Secretary	
15. DATE SUBMITTED 06/30/21	

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17. DATE RECEIVED June 30, 2021	18. DATE APPROVED September 17, 2021
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL June 1, 2021	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
21. TYPED NAME Todd McMillon	22. TITLE Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State: Massachusetts
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

- e. Medical or other type of remedial care recognized under the laws of the Commonwealth furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth:

1. Audiological Services, including Hearing Instrument Specialist Services

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after June 1, 2021. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-32300-hearing-services>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.