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Region VIII

July 30, 2014

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
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RE: Colorado #14-025

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 14-025. This amendment applies to methods and standards for establishing payment rates for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), reflecting the rate increases effective July 1, 2014. SBIRT is a tool used in the primary care setting to identify substance abuse risk and briefly counsel and intervene as needed.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2014. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, Colorado should follow the CMS-64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

For those individuals whose expenditures qualify for the newly eligible federal medical assistance percentage report on the **Form CMS-64.9 VIII** and those not enrolled in the new adult group, claims should be reported on the **Form CMS-64.9 Base**.

This amendment would affect expenditures reported on **Line 34- Diagnostic Screening & Preventive Services** and **Line 40-Rehabilitation Services** dependent upon which definition at *42 CFR 440.130* the SBIRT optional service benefit meets.

- (a) "Diagnostic services", except as otherwise provided under this subpart, includes any medical procedures or supplies recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his or her practice under State law, to enable him to identify the existence, nature, or extent of illness, injury, or other health deviation in a recipient.
- (b) "Screening services" means the use of standardized tests given under medical direction in the mass examination of a designated population to detect the existence of one or more particular diseases or health deviations or to identify for more definitive studies individuals suspected of having certain diseases.

- (c) "Preventive services" means services provided by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his practice under State law to:
 - (1) Prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions or their progression;
 - (2) Prolong life; and
- (d) "Rehabilitation services" includes any medical or remedial services recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, with the scope of his practice under State law, for maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of a recipient to his best possible functional level.

Please note if SBIRT is provided in the school based environment those costs need to be reported on the pop-up feeder form for **Line 39-School Based Services**.


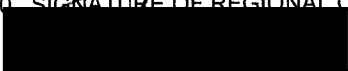
If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

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Max Salazar

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-025	2. STATE: COLORADO
		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 July 1, 2014	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN X AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Section 1905(a)(13) of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY 2014-15: \$168 b. FFY 2013-14 :\$721	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B (Methods of Payment), Item 13b. Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B (Methods of Payment), Item 13b. Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment, TN: 13-025	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Methods and standards for establishing payment rates Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment, reflecting the rate increases effective July 1, 2014.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor's letter dated 01 September 2011 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: Barbara Prehmus	
13. TYPED NAME Suzanne Brennan			
14. TITLE Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED 7/8/2014			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED 7/8/14		18. DATE APPROVED 7/30/14	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 7/1/14		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 	
21. TYPED NAME RICHARD C. ALLEN		22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS			

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

STATE OF COLORADO

Attachment 4.19-B

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

13.b: SCREENING SERVICES

Screening services shall be reimbursed at the lower of the following:

1. Submitted charges or
2. Fee schedule as determined by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

Reimbursable SBIRT services include the following:

1. Full Screening, using an evidence-based screening tool approved by the Department. Limited to 2 full screens per client per state fiscal year.
2. Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. Limited to 4 sessions per client per state fiscal year. Each session is limited to 2 units per session, at 15 minutes per unit.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The reimbursement rates were set as of July 1, 2014 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates can be found on the official Web site of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing at www.colorado.gov/hcpf.

TN No. 14-025
Supersedes TN No. 13-025

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