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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

August 23, 2017

Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 15-015, submitted to my office on June 30, 2015 and approved on August 1, 2017. This SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to develop a consistent Obstetric (OBS) and Facility Obstetric (FTO) rate type policy. Specifically, this SPA: (1) establishes a consistent pricing methodology set at 125% of the 2007 Medicare rate for services reimbursed under the OBS and FTO rate type, (2) adds several clinically appropriate services under the OBS and, if applicable, the FTO rate type, and (3) removes services from the OBS rate type that have been determined not to be clinically appropriate for the OBS rate type, not routinely performed during the obstetrical period, or not separately billable from the routine obstetric care.

Those services being removed from the OBS and FTO rate types will remain on the physician fee schedule and will be reimbursed under the applicable DEF (default), SUR (surgical), FTS (facility surgical), PED (pediatric), or FTP (facility pediatric) rate types.

This SPA also develops a consistent pricing policy for obstetrical radiology services. Currently, 10 of the 19 obstetrical radiology services are reimbursed under the Physician Radiology (PRA) rate type; while the remaining 9 are reimbursed under the OBS rate type. This SPA aligns the pricing methodology for all radiology services by reimbursing the remaining 9 obstetrical radiology services under the PRA rate type versus the OBS rate type.

This SPA has been approved effective April 1, 2015, as requested by the State.

Changes are reflected in the following sections of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(a)i(E)

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Marie DiMartino (617) 565-9157 or by e-mail at Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov

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Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Kate McEvoy, Director of Medical Administration - Health Services and Supports

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL
OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
15-015

2. STATE: CT

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:
April 1, 2015

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: Sections
1905(a)(5) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 440.507. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2015 \$2,986,000 (savings)
b. FFY 2016 \$7,307,000 (savings)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19B Page 1 (a)i(E)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT (If applicable)
Attachment 4.19B Page 1(a)i(E)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective April 1, 2015, SPA 15-015 amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to develop a consistent Obstetric (OBS) and Facility Obstetric (FTO) rate type policy. Specifically, this SPA: (1) establishes a consistent pricing methodology set at 125% of the 2007 Medicare rate for services reimbursed under the OBS and FTO rate type, (2) adds several clinically appropriate services under the OBS and, if applicable, the FTO rate type, and (3) removes services from the OBS rate type that have been determined not to be clinically appropriate for the OBS rate type, not routinely performed during the obstetrical period, or not separately billable from the routine obstetric care. Those services being removed from the OBS and FTO rate types will remain on the physician fee schedule and will be reimbursed under the applicable DEF (default), SUR (surgical), FTS (facility surgical), PED (pediatric), or FTP (facility pediatric) rate types. This SPA also develops a consistent pricing policy for obstetrical radiology services. Currently, 10 of the 19 obstetrical radiology services are reimbursed under the Physician Radiology (PRA) rate type; while the remaining 9 are reimbursed under the OBS rate type. This SPA aligns the pricing methodology for all radiology services by reimbursing the remaining 9 obstetrical radiology services under the PRA rate type versus the OBS rate type.

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:

/S/

13. TYPED NAME: Roderick L. Bremby

14. TITLE: Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

June 25, 2015

16. RETURN TO:

State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue – 9th floor
Hartford, CT 06105
Attention: Ginny Mahoney**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED: June 30 2015

18. DATE APPROVED: August 1 2017

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

April 1 2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/S/

21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS: Pen and Ink changes as approved by the State on 7/10/17 to Box 6, 8 & 9 reflect updated page changes

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: CONNECTICUT

(5) Physician's services – fixed fee schedule not to exceed the Medicare physician fee schedule. Fees may be deleted or added and priced in order to remain compliant with HIPAA or to correct pricing errors. The current fee schedule was set as of April 1, 2015 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule for physicians can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download." All governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same fee schedule.

Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practices are individual sites of independent physician groups, solo physician practices, nurse practitioner groups, and individual nurse practitioners that have met National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Level 2 or Level 3 medical home recognition. PCMH practices must comply with all NCQA PCMH requirements and all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

The department offers a PCMH Glide Path program, which pays enhanced rates to practices that are providing some of the additional Medicaid services required for NCQA PCMH recognition. In order to qualify for Glide Path, a practice must demonstrate that it has begun providing a more advanced standard of primary care and has committed to achieving NCQA PCMH recognition in a set period of time. Glide Path practices must also comply with all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

Beginning January 1, 2012, PCMH and Glide Path practices may be eligible for a rate add-on to the procedure codes on the physician fee schedule identified below. PCMH practices may also be eligible for retrospective annualized supplemental payments for performance incentives and performance improvement. Independent physician-led Glide Path practices with five or fewer full-time equivalent practitioners across all practice locations may also be eligible for a supplemental payment at each Glide Path phase.

(a) Glide Path and PCMH Rate Add-On: The department will pay a rate add-on for the following procedures in addition to the amounts listed for each procedure code on the physician fee schedule: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99318, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99339, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99354, 99355, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99406, 99407, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99374, 99377, 99379, 99380, 96110, 99050, 99051, 99053, D0145,

TN # 15-015

Supersedes

TN # 15-017

Approval Date _____

Effective Date 04-01-2015