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Boston Regional Operations Group

April 23, 2019

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

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

We are pleased to enclose via email a copy of approved Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 19-0002, submitted to my office on March 29, 2019 and approved on April 23, 2019.

This SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the dental fee schedules for adults and children. This SPA incorporates various 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) (additions, deletions and description changes) to the adult and children's dental fee schedules. Codes that are being added are being priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category and replacement codes are being priced in a manner designed to make the billing code updates cost-neutral. In addition to the HIPAA compliance update, this SPA also adds various surgical codes to both the adult and children's dental fee schedules.

This SPA's approval is effective January 1, 2019, as requested by the State.

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

• Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(e)

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Marie DiMartino (978) 330-8063 or by e-mail at <u>Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov</u>

Sincerely,

/S/

Francis T. McCullough Director Division of Medicaid Field Operations East (Boston)

| DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES | | FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 0938-0193 |
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| TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES | I. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 19-0002 | 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 5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): | 4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2019 | |
| NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS 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)(10) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 440.100 | 7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2019 \$190,000 b. FFY 2020 \$296,000 | |
| 8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Page I(e) | 9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PL ATTACHMENT (If applicable) Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(e) | AN SECTION OR |
| 10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective January I, 2019, this SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the dental fee schedules for adults and children as follows. This SPA incorporates various 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) (additions, deletions and description changes) to the adult and children's dental fee schedules. Codes that are being added are being priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category and replacement codes are being priced in a manner designed to make the billing code updates cost-neutral. DSS is making these changes to ensure that these fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). In addition to the HIPAA compliance update, this SPA also adds various surgical codes to both the adult and children's dental fee schedules. | | |
| 11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <u>X</u> 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: | |
| 13. TYPED NAME: Roderick L. Bremby | State of Connecticut Department of Social Services 55 Farmington Avenue – 9th floor Hartford, CT 06105 Attention: Ginny Mahoney | |
| 14. TITLE: Commissioner | | |
| 15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 28, 2019 | | |
| FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY | | |
| 17. DATE RECEIVED: March 29, 2019 | 18. DATE APPROVED: April 23, 2019 | |
| PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED | | |
| 19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2019 | 20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL /S/ | |
| 21. TYPED NAME: Francis T. McCullough | 22. TITLE: Director Division of Medicaid Field Ope | erations-East |
| 23. REMARKS: | | |
| FORM CMS-179 (07-92) | | |

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT State <u>Connecticut</u>

- (10) Dental services Fixed fee schedule. The agency's rates were set as follows:
 - (a) The rates for dental services provided to adults were set as of January 1, 2019; and
 - (b) The rates for dental services provided to children were set for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019.

Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. From this page, go to "Provider" then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download"