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Re: District of Columbia's (DC) State Plan Amendment 11-07 Changes to DC Dental Program


Dear Dr. Elam:

We have reviewed your State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-07 entitled Medicaid Dental Program, and have approved the amendment. This SPA 1) eliminates state plan limitations on dental services in favor of general, more flexible language, 2) establishes the current Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) fee schedule as the standard for dental services reimbursement, and 3) implements a prior authorization policy for children's orthodontia services. The effective date for this amendment is August 20, 2011. The signed CMS-form 179 and the approved state plan pages are enclosed.

The CMS reviewed the submitted coverage pages and the current State plan pages for dental services. In reviewing these state plan pages, CMS found a companion page issue at Supplement to Attachment 3.1A & 3.1B page 21 & page 20; 13.d Rehabilitative Services. The plan pages describing rehabilitative services/intensive mental health services do not include all of the required information for this service. Therefore, in addition to this notice letter, you will receive a companion letter that specifically describes the necessary state plan page changes. You are required to respond to the companion letter with the requested SPA within 90 days of the date on the letter. We are available for any technical assistance you might need.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Williamson here in the Regional Office at (215) 861-4721. She can also be e-mailed at [Barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

  
for Francis McCullough, Acting  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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