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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

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May 20, 2013

Our Reference: SPA LA 12-24

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bienville Building  
628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Post Office Box 91030  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attn: Darlene York  
Keydra Singleton

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 12-24. This state plan amendment reduces the reimbursement rates for dental services rendered to Medicaid eligible pregnant women in order to avoid a budget deficit in the State of Louisiana.

Transmittal Number 12-24 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2012 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 12-24 dated July 24, 2012 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.



If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at [ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov) or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Bill Brooks.

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>12-24</b>	2. STATE <b>Louisiana</b>
<b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>July 1, 2012</b>	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: <b>42 CFR 447 Subpart B</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY <u>2012</u> <b>(\$12.47)</b> b. FFY <u>2013</u> <b>(\$47.18)</b>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: <b>Attachment 4.19-B, Item 20.b, Page 2(c)</b>		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): <b>None (New Page)</b>	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: <b>The purpose of this SPA is to reduce the reimbursement rates for dental services provided to Medicaid eligible pregnant women in order to avoid a budget deficit.</b>			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <b>The Governor does not review state plan material.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: <b>J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals 628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street PO Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030</b>	
13. TYPED NAME: <b>Bruce D. Greenstein</b>			
14. TITLE: <b>Secretary</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <b>July 24, 2012</b>			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED: <b>8/1/12</b>		18. DATE APPROVED: <b>20 May, 2013</b>	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY AT			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: <b>7/1/12</b>		20. SIGNATURE: 	
21. TYPED NAME: <b>Bill Brooks</b>		22. TITLE: <b>Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid &amp; Children's Health</b>	
23. REMARKS:			

STATE OF LOUISIANAPAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, the reimbursement fees for dental services provided to Medicaid eligible pregnant women shall be reduced to the following percentages of the 2009 National Dental Advisory Service Comprehensive Fee Report 70<sup>th</sup> percentile, unless otherwise stated:

1. 65 percent for the comprehensive periodontal evaluation exam;
2. 62 percent for the following diagnostic and preventive services:
  - a. intraoral-periapical first film;
  - b. intraoral-periapical, each additional film; and
  - c. panoramic film and prophylaxis, adult; and
3. 56 percent for the remaining diagnostic services and all periodontic procedures, restorative and oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures.

STATE <u>Louisiana</u>	A
DATE REC'D <u>1 Aug. 2012</u>	
DATE APPV'D <u>20 May, 2013</u>	
DATE EFF <u>1 July, 2012</u>	
HCFA 179 <u>12-24</u>	

TN # 12-24 Approval Date 5-20-13 Effective Date 7-1-12

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