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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 19-0003

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street
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Regional Operations Group

March 27, 2019

Our Reference: SPA LA 19-0003

Ms. Jen Steele, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health
628 North 4th St.
Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030
Attention: Karen Barnes

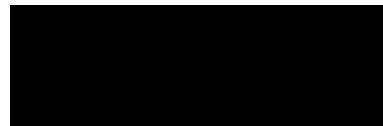
Dear Ms. Steele:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 19-0003 dated February 6, 2019. This state plan amendment proposes to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in order to implement an alternative payment methodology to allow FQHCs to be reimbursed a separate perspective payment system (PPS) rate for behavioral health and dental services, which is at the same rate as the existing all-inclusive encounter PPS rate when such services are rendered on the same day as a medical visit.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Louisiana State Plan with an effective date change of April 1, 2019. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278 or by email at Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks
Director
Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Regional Operations Group

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
19-0003

2. STATE
Louisiana

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
April 1, 2019

5. TYPE OF 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

**42 CFR 447.201 and
Section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act**

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY **2019** **\$ 587,733**
b. FFY **2020** **\$1,488,040**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, Item 2c, Pages 4a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Same (TN 11-37)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT **The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in order to implement an alternative payment methodology to allow FQHCs to be reimbursed a separate perspective payment system (PPS) rate for behavioral health and dental services, which is at the same rate as the existing all-inclusive encounter PPS rate when such services are rendered on the same day as a medical visit.**

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
The Governor does not review State Plan material.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

13. TYPED NAME

Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH

14. TITLE

Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED

February 6, 2019

16. RETURN TO

**Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
State of Louisiana
Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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17. DATE RECEIVED

2-06-19

18. DATE APPROVED

3-27-19

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

4-01-19

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

21. TYPED NAME

Bill Brooks

22. TITLE

Regional Operations Group

Services

23. REMARKS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS 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 IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Behavioral Health and Dental Services

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, the Medicaid Program shall establish an alternative payment methodology for behavioral health services provided in FQHCs by one of the following practitioners:

1. Physicians with a psychiatric specialty;
2. Nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialist with a psychiatric specialty;
3. Licensed clinical social workers; or
4. Clinical psychologist.

The reimbursement for behavioral health services will equal the all-inclusive PPS rate on file for the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive PPS rate on the same date for a medical/dental visit.

Dental services shall be reimbursed at the all-inclusive encounter PPS rate on file for fee-for-service for the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive PPS rate made on the same date for a medical/behavioral health visit.

The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) will be agreed to by the Department and the FQHC, and will result in payment to the FQHC of an amount that is at least equal to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.

Standards for Payment

1. The FQHC must meet the Standards for Participation outlines in Attachment 3.1-A, Item 2.c.
2. The FQHC provider shall maintain an acceptable fiscal record keeping system that will enable the services provided by a FQHC to be readily distinguished from each other type of service which that facility may provide.
3. The FQHC provider shall retain all records as are necessary to disclose fully the extent of services provided to recipients; to furnish information regarding such records and regarding any payments claimed for providing such services as Medicaid of Louisiana, the Secretary, or the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit may request, for five years from date of service.
4. The FQHC provider shall abide by and adhere to all federal and state regulations, guidelines, policies, manuals, etc.

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