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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services JFK Federal Building, Government Center Room 2275 Boston, Massachusetts 02203



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

December 19, 2016

Marylou Sudders, Secretary Executive Office of Health and Human Services One Ashburton Place, Room 1109 Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Secretary Sudders:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 16-010, which was submitted to my office on May 16, 2016. This SPA was submitted to revise your approved Title XIX State plan to update the language regarding clinic services. This SPA was submitted in partial response to the companion letter to the approval of SPA 15-006, and has been approved effective April 1, 2016.

Enclosed are copies of the following approved State plan pages.

- Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A, pages 3 and 3-i through 3-x;
- Supplement to Attachment 3.1-B, pages 3 and 3-i through 3-x; and
- Attachment 4.19-B, pages 1a, 1a1 through 1a11, and 2b3 through 2b4.

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Julie McCarthy at (617) 565-1244 or by e-mail at Julie.McCarthy@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure/s

cc: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth, Medicaid Director Kaela Konefal, Federal Authority Policy Analyst/State Plan Coordinator

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- e. Medical or other type of remedial care recognized under the laws of the Commonwealth furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth:
 - 1. audiological services fee schedule established by DHCFP:
 - 2. chiropractor services fee schedule established by DHCFP; except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published in Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations at www.mass.gov/dhcfp and /or providers are notified directly by provider bulletins; and
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 - 4. psychologist services- fee schedule established by DHCFP; rates are posted under Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations at www.mass.gov/dhcfp and /or providers are notified directly by provider bulletins.
 - 5. public health dental hygienist The agency's rates are contained in the fee schedule for dental services referenced in Att. 4.19-B, Item 8.j.
- f. Home health care services fixed fee schedules established by DHCFP (see pages 2A-1 through 2A-10).
- g. Private duty nursing services fee schedule established by DHCFP.

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- h. Clinic services Payments under this section are described below, and comply with the Federal upper payment limits (UPL) established under 42 CFR 447.321.
 - 1. <u>Designated Emergency Mental Health Providers (DEP/ESP)</u>
 Attachment 4.19-B, section 8.s. describes payments to designated emergency mental health provider/emergency service programs.

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2. Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers:

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2010. All rates are published on http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/community-health-care-providers-ambulatory-care.html#114 3 47. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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8. Speech and Hearing Centers

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after June 1, 2011. All rates are published on http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/community-health-care-providers-ambulatory-care.html#114_3_39. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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9. Mental Health Centers

The fee-for-service rates are effective for service provided on or after January 1, 2014. All rates are published on http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/community-health-care-providers-ambulatory-care.html#101CMR306.00formerly114.3CMR6.00. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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10. Substance Use Disorder Treatment Clinics

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2016. All rates are published on http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/community-health-care-providers-ambulatory-care.html#114 3 46. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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11. Indian Health Services (IHS) Facilities

Payment is made to Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities (including Section 638 tribal facilities) in accordance with the most recently published *Federal Register* notice addressing the I.H.S. encounter rate. Medicaid services covered by the all-inclusive rate include the following:

- a. early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services;
- b. family planning services and supplies;
- c. physicians' services;
- d. medical care and any other remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law (i.e., podiatrist, optometrist, chiropractor, and audiologist services);
- e. rural health clinic services:
- f. home health services;
- g. private duty nursing services;
- h. clinic services;
- i. dental services;
- j. physical therapy and related services;
- k. other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitation services;
- I. nurse-midwife services;
- m. case management services;
- n. extended services for pregnant women;
- o. ambulatory prenatal care for pregnant women; and
- p. pediatric or family nurse practitioners' services.

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E. The Cost Reconciliation Process

The total Medicaid allowable costs based on the CMS-approved School-Based Cost Report are compared to the School-Based Services Provider's Medicaid interim rate claims for services delivered during the reporting period, as documented in MMIS. Each School-Based Services Provider's interim rate claims are adjusted to reflect, in aggregate, the total Medicaid-allowable costs based on the certified cost report identified in Section C. This results in a cost reconciliation.

Reconciliation will take place within 24 months of the end of the reporting period contained in the School-Based Services Providers' submitted cost report. Massachusetts may not modify the CMS-approved scope of costs, the CMS-approved RMTS Implementation Plan, which includes time study information, or the CMS-approved Massachusetts School Based Cost Report without CMS approval.

F. The Cost Settlement Process

If the Commonwealth determines that an overpayment has been made, EOHHS will return the federal share of the overpayment.

If the actual, certified Medicaid-allowable costs of a School-Based Services Provider exceed the interim Medicaid rates, EOHHS will submit claims to CMS for the underpayment.

Cost settlement will occur within the timelines set forth in 42 CFR § 433, Subpart F.

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s. Designated Emergency Mental Health Provider (DEP) is also known as an Emergency Service Program (ESP). To qualify as a DEP/ESP, a provider must be designated as such by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).

DEPs/ESPs will be paid on a fee-for-service basis at the rate of \$488.00 per encounter for providing emergency mental health services delineated by the Commonwealth to eligible MassHealth members.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

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