

March 21, 2013

Carol Backstrom, State Medicaid Director
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RE: MN 12-032

Dear Ms. Backstrom:

This letter is being sent as a companion to our approval of Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-032. This SPA proposes to expand the coverage of dentures to allow for the replacement of dentures less than six years old if they are lost, stolen, or damaged beyond the recipient's control, or if the existing denture cannot be modified or altered to meet the recipient's need. The amendment also restores coverage of relining and rebasing of dentures. These changes to dentures are effective October 1, 2012.

Our review included an analysis of the entire contents of the corresponding Attachment 4.19-B payment page for dentures. The payment methodology for dentures in Item 12(b) is a reference to the dental services payment methodology in item 10(2)(a-b) on Page 31 that we reviewed; we found the payment methodology to be insufficiently comprehensive to meet the regulations at 42 CFR 430.10. We require that the state plan be a comprehensive written statement containing "all information necessary for CMS to determine whether the plan can be approved as a basis for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) in the state program." Although the state plan page includes the effective date of January 1, 2000, we note that the fee schedule described under item 10 lacks the website where the rates are published and an indication that rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. We require that the state submit a SPA to amend item 10(2)(a-b) to include the following effective date language:

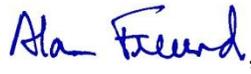
"Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of (*ex. case management for persons with chronic mental illness*). All rates are published (*ex. on the agency's website*)."

The state has 90 days from the date of this letter to address the issue described above.

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Failure to respond may result in the initiation of a formal compliance process. During the 90 days, CMS will provide any required technical assistance. If you have any questions concerning this companion letter, please contact Courtenay Savage at (312) 353-3721 or via email at Courtenay.Savage@cms.hhs.gov for more information.

Sincerely,

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