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State/Territory Name: Montana

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: MT-14-009

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Region VIII

December 4, 2014

Mary Dalton, Medicaid & Health Services Manager
Montana Department of Health & Human Services
1400 Broadway
PO Box 202951
Helena, MT 59620

Re: SPA MT-14-009

Dear Ms. Dalton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number MT-14-009. This SPA increases the rate for Licensed Professional Counselors' Services, by approximately 2%.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2014. We are enclosing the summary page and the amended plan page(s).

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, Montana should follow the CMS-64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

For those individuals whose expenditures qualify for the newly eligible federal medical assistance percentage report on the Form CMS-64.9 VIII and those not enrolled in the new adult group, claims should be reported on the Form CMS-64.9 Base.

This amendment would affect expenditures reported on Line 9A.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Cindy Smith at 303-844-7041.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Cc: Richard Opper, Department Director
Duane Preshinger
Jo Thompson
Mary Eve Kulawik

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
14-009

2. STATE
Montana

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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
07/01/2014

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:
1902(a)(30)(A)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 14 \$9,981 (3 months)
b. FFY 15 \$44,155 (12 months)
c. FFY 16 \$36,069 (9 months)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Pages 1 and 2 of 2
Attachment 4.19B
Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates
Service 6(d)
Licensed Professional Counselors' Services

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
Pages 1 and 2 of 2
Attachment 4.19B
Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates
Service 6(d)
Licensed Professional Counselors' Services

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Increase the rate approximately 2%, remove "by report," and update the date of the fee schedule on the Attachment 4.19B Introduction Page.

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:
Single Agency Director Review

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

16. RETURN TO:
Montana Dept of Public Health and Human Services
Mary E. Dalton
Attn: Mary Eve Kulawik
PO Box 4210
Helena MT 59604

13. TYPED NAME: Mary E. Dalton

14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

6-30-14

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 6/30/14

18. DATE APPROVED: 12/4/14

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
7/1/14

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
/s/

21. TYPED NAME: Richard C. Allen

22. TITLE: ARA, DMCHO

23. REMARKS:

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- I. Reimbursement for Licensed Professional Counselors' Services shall be:
 - A. The lower of:
 1. The provider's usual and customary charge for the service; or
 2. The reimbursement provided in accordance with the methodology described in Section II.
- II. The Department's fee schedule for Licensed Professional Counselors' Services is determined:
 - A. In accordance with the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) methodology, by multiplying Medicare's Relative Value Units (RVU), or Medicare's base and time units for anesthesia services, which is numeric, by the Montana Medicaid specific conversion factor, which is a dollar amount, to equal a fee. Specific to Montana Medicaid, there is an ability to multiply the fee times a policy adjuster (either plus or minus) to affect the fee.
 1. RBRVS means the version of the Medicare resource based relative value scale contained in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Department will update Medicare additions, deletions, or changes to procedure codes on the first of each quarter.
 2. RVU means a numerical value assigned by Medicare in the RBRVS methodology to each procedure code used to bill for services provided by a health care provider. The RVU assigned to a particular code expresses the relative effort and expense expended by a provider in providing one service as compared with another service.

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- B. For services not included in the RBRVS methodology, a Medicaid fee is determined by:
1. Reviewing cost information for the service if available or by reviewing the reimbursement of similar services if cost information is not available for procedure codes that are new (less than one year in existence); have no or low utilization; or have inconsistent charges.
 2. For procedure codes that cannot be determined by the methodology in II. B. 1., by multiplying the average charge for the service by the payment-to-charge ratio. The payment-to-charge ratio means the percent determined by dividing the previous state fiscal year's total Medicaid reimbursement for RBRVS provider covered services by the previous state fiscal year's total Medicaid charges for RBRVS provider covered services.
- C. Unless otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's rates were set as of the date on the Attachment 4.19B Introduction Page and are published on the agency's website www.mtmedicaid.org.