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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Dallas Regional Office
1301 Young Street, Suite 833
Dallas, Texas 75202



DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

August 20, 2018

Our Reference: SPA OK 18-0020

Becky Pasternik-Ikard
Chief Executive Officer
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Ms. Pasternik-Ikard:

Enclosed is a copy of approved Oklahoma State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 18-0020, with an effective date of July 1, 2018. This amendment was submitted to implement a 3% rate increase for Level 1 Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners in independent practice.

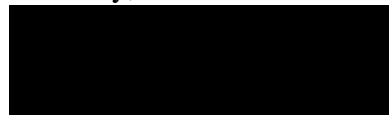
This letter affirms that OK 18-0020 is approved effective July 1, 2018 as requested by the State.

We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the following amended plan pages.

- Attachment 4.19B, Page 8

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Stacey Shuman at 214-767-6479, or by email at stacey.shuman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

CC: Billy Bob Farrell, DMCH Dallas
Stacey Shuman, DMCH Dallas

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

1 8 - 2 0

2. STATE

Oklahoma

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

July 1, 2018

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*)

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NEW STATE PLAN

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AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN

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AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Social Security Act § 1902(a)(30)(A)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2018 \$ 31,071
b. FFY 2019 \$ 132,367

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*)

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8, TN# 16-20

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

3% increase to reimbursement for Level 1 Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners (Psychologists) in independent practice

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

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COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

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NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

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OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

The Governor does not review State Plan material.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

13. TYPED NAME

Becky Pasternik-Ikard

14. TITLE

Chief Executive Officer

15. DATE SUBMITTED

August 8, 2018

16. RETURN TO

Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Attn: Tywanda Cox
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED

August 8, 2018

18. DATE APPROVED

August 20, 2018

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2018

20. SIGN

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME

Bill Brooks

22. TITLE

Associate Regional Administrator (ARA), Division of Medicaid and Children's Health (DMCH)

23. REMARKS

c: Becky Pasternik-Ikard
Tywanda Cox

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES
OTHER TYPES OF CARE****7. Payment for Psychological Services**

Payment is made for Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners and Psychological Clinicians on behalf of eligible individuals under 21 years of age through EPSDT.

(a) Level 1 – LBHPs (Psychologists) and Psychological Clinicians

Individuals in Independent Practice - Payment is made at 89.68 percent of the CY2013 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for psychiatry services, which is equivalent to a 3 percent rate increase from the rates in effect on 06-30-18.

Individuals in Agency Setting - Refer to Attachment 4.19-B, page 24 for payment of services provided by psychologists employed by public health, government or private behavioral health agency or local school settings.

(b) Level 2 – LBHPs and Psychological Clinicians

Individuals in Independent Practice - Payment is made at rates which equal 70 percent of the reimbursement for services provided by Level 2 LBHPs and Psychological Clinicians in Agency Settings, which is equivalent to a 30 percent rate reduction from the rates in effect on 04-30-2016.

Individuals in Agency Settings – Refer to Attachment 4.19-B, page 24 for services provided by individuals employed by public health, government or private behavioral health agency or local school settings.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, the rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of behavioral health practitioner services and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published on the agency website at www.okhca.org. The agency's fee schedule rates are set as of July 1, 2018 and in effect for services provided on or after that date.

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