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State/Territory Name: South Carolina

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 13-008

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
SC 13-008

2. STATE
South Carolina

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
April 1, 2013

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 440.60

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2013 \$1,408,600 (\$8,000,000 x .7043 x .25)
b. FFY 2014 \$5,634,400 (\$8,000,000 x .7043)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement, page 4b
Attachment 4.19-B, page 3

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement, page 4b
Attachment 4.19-B, page 3

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

This State Plan amends the coverage language regarding Medicaid or other remedial care provided by licensed practitioners to include Dietitians.

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:

Mr. Keck was designated by the Governor
to review and approve all State Plans

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

//s//

13. TYPED NAME:

Anthony E. Keck

14. TITLE: Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED: June 18, 2013

16. RETURN TO:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:
06/18/13

18. DATE APPROVED: 10/16/14

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
04/01/14

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
//s//

21. TYPED NAME:
Jackie Glaze

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns

23. REMARKS:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Atlanta Regional Office
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

October 16, 2014

Mr. Anthony E. Keck
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Attention: Sheila Chavis

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment, SC 13-008

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed the proposed state plan amendment, SC 13-008, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on June 18, 2013. This state plan amends the coverage language regarding Medicaid or other remedial care provided by licensed practitioners to include Dietitians. Additionally, it clarifies payment methodology for various practitioner services to meet standards for comprehensiveness.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment SC 13-008 was approved on October 16, 2014. The effective date of this amendment is April 1, 2013. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Maria Drake at (404) 562-3697 or Cheryl A. Wigfall at (803) 252-7299.

Sincerely,

//s//

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

Registered Dietitian - Registered dietitians are authorized to provide medical nutrition therapy services. The duties and responsibilities include nutritional diagnostic, therapy, and counseling services provided for the purpose of managing obesity and other diseases. Covered services will consist of nutrition assessment, interventions, reassessment, and follow-up interventions when it is prescribed/referred by a physician. The scope of practice is limited to that which is allowed under State Law.

7. HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES - Home health services are provided by a licensed and certified home health agency to eligible beneficiaries who are affected by illness or disability.

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SUPERSEDES: SC 11-011

6.a Podiatrists' Services:

Reimbursement is calculated in the same manner as for Physicians' services (78% of the 2009 Medicare Physician fee schedule). The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

6.b Optometrists' Services (Vision Care Services):

Reimbursement is calculated in the same manner as for Physicians' services - (78% of the 2009 Medicare Physician fee schedule). The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

6.c Chiropractor's Services:

Reimbursement is calculated in the same manner as for Physicians' services (78% of the 2009 Medicare Physician fee schedule). The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

6.d Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist(CRNA): CRNAs under the medical direction of a surgeon will be reimbursed at 90 percent of the Anesthesiologist reimbursement rate. CRNAs under the medical direction of an Anesthesiologist will receive 50 percent of the reimbursement rate. Refer to the Physician Services Section 5, in Attachment 4.19-B. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

Nurse Practitioner: Reimbursement is calculated at 80 percent of the 2009 Medicare Physician fee schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

Psychologists: Psychological services are reimbursed at an established statewide fee schedule as determined in accordance with section 13.d of Attachment 4.19-B.

Registered Dietitian: The state developed fee schedule rate for this service effective on or after April 1, 2013, is \$27.82 per encounter and is paid to both private and governmental providers. Medicaid bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

Home Health Services:

Nursing Services, Home Health Aide Services, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, and Audiology are provided and reimbursed based on the lesser of allowable Medicaid costs, charges, or the Medicaid cost limits as defined in the plan that are based upon Medicare allowable cost definitions and Medicare cost limits. At the end of each Home Health Agency's fiscal year end, an actual cost report must be submitted which is used for the purpose of completing a cost settlement based on the lesser of allowable Medicare costs, charges, or the Medicare cost limits.

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SUPPERSEDES: SC 11-020