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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 19-0014**

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## **Atlanta Regional Operations Group**

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January 17, 2020

Mr. Joshua D. Baker  
Director  
SC Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Attention: Sheila Chavis

Re: South Carolina State Plan Amendment 19-0014

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment, SC 19-0014, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 31, 2019. This plan amendment increases the Home Based Private Duty Nursing Service rate by 5%.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment SC 19-0014 was approved on January 17, 2020. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2020. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and a copy of the new state plan page(s).

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Cheryl Wigfall at (803) 252-7299 or [Cheryl.wigfall@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.wigfall@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

David R. Kimble  
Acting Deputy Director  
Division of Medicaid Field Operations South

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 19-0014	2. STATE SC
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2020	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 440.80	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY 2020 \$636,300 b. FFY 2021 \$848,400
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  Attachment 4.19-B, page 2.1	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> )  Attachment 4.19-B, page 2.1

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This plan amendment will provide for a 5% increase to the current Home Based Private Duty Nursing Services rates for services incurred on or after January 1, 2020.

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

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED      Mr. Baker was designated by the  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL      Governor to review and approve all  
State Plans.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL	16. RETURN TO South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 8206 Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206
13. TYPED NAME Joshua D. Baker	
14. TITLE Director	
15. DATE SUBMITTED December 30, 2019	

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17. DATE RECEIVED 12/31/19	18. DATE APPROVED 01/17/20
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 01/01/20	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
21. TYPED NAME Davida R. Kimble	22. TITLE Acting Deputy Director Division of Medicaid Field Operations South

23. REMARKS

Home Based Private Duty Nursing Services:

Home Based Private Duty Nursing reimbursement rates are separately established for Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). Salaries, fringe benefits, limited direct, and indirect costs are considered in the development of the rates. Services are billed in 6-minute increments; therefore, ten (10) units equate to an hour of care. (In the instances of private duty nursing services to Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) clients under 21, these services are billed in fifteen (15) minute increments.) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, the state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of home based private duty nursing services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2020 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The hourly rate for RN and LPN nursing services are as follows:

Registered Nurse (RN)	- \$34.20
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	- \$26.00

Effective May 1, 2009, an additional classification of home-based private nursing services is reimbursable for services provided to children who are ventilator or respirator dependent, intubated or dependent on parenteral feeding or any combination of the above. This service has been developed to recognize the skill level that nurses caring for these children must have over and above normal home-based services. An hourly rate adjustment of \$3.00 is added to the RN or LPN home based rate for services provided to those children who are defined as High Risk/High Tech. Again, services are billed in 6-minute increments; therefore, ten (10) units equate to an hour of care.

Personal Care Services:

The Personal Care service reimbursement rate (currently \$17.00/hour was initially established based upon projected service costs of providers. The payment rate is calculated for Personal Care services on an hourly basis. This rate does not cover room and board services provided to Medicaid recipients. Annual cost reports are reviewed on an as needed basis to ensure the appropriateness of the payment rates in accordance with allowable cost definitions as outlined in 45 CFR Part 75 and 42 CFR Part 413. Services are billed in six (6) minutes increments; therefore, ten (10) units equate to an hour of care. (In the instances of personal care services to DDSN clients under 21, these services are billed in fifteen (15) minute increments.) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Personal Care services.

SC 19-0014  
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SUPERSEDES: SC 12-026