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



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI

March 14, 2011

Our Reference: SPA TX 10-79

Mr. Billy Millwee Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP Health and Human Services Commission Post Office Box 13247 Mail Code: H100 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 10-79, dated December 29, 2010. This amendment updates the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) fee schedule and implements a reimbursement reduction of one percent for certain Medicaid EPSDT providers.

Additionally, please note that when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's Tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to the new section 1902(a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the State Plan Amendment. Such consultation must include all federally-recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the State.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of February 1, 2011. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Emily Zalkovsky, Policy Development Support

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The proposed amendment is an update to the Medicaid Early and	Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and	Treatment (EPSDT) fee
schedule and implements a one percent payment reduction for re	eimbursements paid to certain Medic	aid EPSDT providers.
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Mr. Billy Millwee Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP Health and Human Services Commission Post Office Box 13247 Mail Code: H100 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

This letter is being sent as a companion to our approval of Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-079 which updates the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) fee schedule and implements a one percent reimbursement reduction for certain Medicaid EPSDT providers.

CMS reviewed the submitted reimbursement pages and the corresponding coverage pages for this service. In reviewing the state plan pages, CMS found a companion page issue in Appendix 1 to Attachment 3.1B pages 14 and 21. Please revise the state plan pages to include the following information:

Appendix 1 to Attachment 3.1-B

- 1. Page 14 (B): CMS would like the State to add language regarding the physician review of written plans of care for home health services to indicate that the plans of care will be reviewed every 60 days as per CFR 440.70(2).
- 2. Page 14 (C): CMS would like the State to add language regarding the requirement that physicians must review the need for medical supplies, equipment and appliances annually as per CFR 440.70(3) (ii).
- 3. Page 21: In the first paragraph, does the State allow physical therapy services to be provided by a physical therapist assistant under the direction of a licensed physical therapist? If so, the State needs to add the qualifications (minimal education/work experience) for physical therapist assistants.

Additionally, Section 6407 of the Affordable Care Act requires that physicians document the existence of a face to face encounter with the Medicaid eligible individual prior to ordering the provision of home health services. CMS would like the State to provide an assurance that the

State is aware of the requirement that physicians must have a face-to-face encounter with eligible individuals prior to ordering home health services.

Please respond to this letter within 90 days of its receipt to address the issues described above. Within that period, the State may submit SPAs to resolve these issues or submit a corrective action plan describing in detail how the State will resolve the issues identified above in a timely manner. Failure to respond will 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, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278 or cheryl.rupley@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks

Associate Regional Administrator

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- 1) Except as otherwise specified, payment for authorized medically necessary services required to diagnose and treat a condition under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services will be based on existing Medicaid reimbursement methodologies.
 - a) In Texas, EPSDT services are known as Texas Health Steps (THSteps). Medicaid services provided only to clients under age 21 are part of the THSteps-Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) and the reimbursement methodologies are included in this item. The reimbursement methodologies for services provided to all Medicaid-eligible clients, including clients under age 21, are located elsewhere in the Texas Medicaid State Plan and are referenced in this item.
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT THSteps providers effective February 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on April 8, 2011.

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- 3) Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21.
 - a) Ventilator service agreements reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 are reimbursed at the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the same manner as the fees determined by HHSC for DME under home health services in Item 8(c) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for DME provided by home health agencies and DME providers/suppliers.
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT durable medical equipment prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - d) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
 - e) The reimbursement for services, effective February 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less two percent.

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- 5) Private duty nursing services, including, but not limited to, registered nurse (RN) services, and licensed vocational nurse/licensed practical nurse (LVN/LPN) services, require prior authorization and are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
 - a) Eligible providers include: independently enrolled RNs, independently enrolled LVNs/LPNs, RNs employed by or contracted with home health agencies, and LVNs/LPNs employed by or contracted with home health agencies.
 - b) The fees are access-based fees and are reviewed every two years. The fees are based on historical charges, a review of Medicaid fees paid by other states, a survey of costs for a representative sample of providers, an analysis of cost reports provided by home health agencies of similar nursing services, modeling using an analysis of other data available to HHSC, or a combination thereof. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - c) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - d) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT private duty nursing services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - e) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
 - f) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective February 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less two percent.

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- 6) Physical therapy (PT)
 - Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:
 - 1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - 2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
 - 3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physical therapy services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - d) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
 - e) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective February 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less two percent.

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- 7) Occupational therapy (OT)
 - a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:
 - 1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - 2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
 - 3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT occupational therapy services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - d) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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- 8) Speech and language
 - a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:
 - 1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - 2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
 - 3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT speech and language services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - d) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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- Nutritional services provided by licensed dietitians to Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners.
 - a) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - b) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT nutritional services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - c) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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- 10) Physician services
 - a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include:
 - 1) Vaccines not covered by the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVCP) for clients under age 21 which are reimbursed as accessed-based fees in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - 2) Services delivered by school districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - d) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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- 11) Audiology and hearing services
 - a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:
 - Licensed audiologists in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
 - 2) School districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
 - b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT audiology and hearing services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
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- 13) Dental services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those provided by independently enrolled dentists, who are reimbursed according to the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). These are access-based fees under Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners.
 - a) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
 - b) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT dental services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
 - c) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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18) EPSDT Case Management

- a) Providers of EPSDT Case Management Services are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The fees are determined using an analysis of relevant cost or fee surveys available to HHSC.
- b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT case management services effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.
- d) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.
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