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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Dallas Regional Office
1301 Young Street, Suite 833
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

September 20, 2013

Our Reference: SPA TX 13-019

Ms. Kay Ghahremani
State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Mail Code H100
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Ghahremani:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 13-19, dated June 28, 2013. This state plan amendment clarifies that reimbursement for hearing aid providers is based on acquisition cost and deletes obsolete language. The state plan amendment also updates the fee schedule for hearing aids and audiometric evaluations.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of June 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.


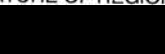
If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Bill Brooks.

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Becky Brownlee, Policy Development Support

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 13-019	2. STATE: TEXAS
		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: June 1, 2013	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Circle One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act; 42 C.F.R. §§ 440.220(a)(4)(ii), .225; section 1905 (r)(4) of the Social Security Act; 42 CFR § 440.110		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2013 \$ (957,108) b. FFY 2014 \$ (2,984,991) c. FFY 2015 \$ (3,106,662)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment updates the hearing aids and audiometric evaluations fee schedule.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt. <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Kay Ghahremani State Medicaid Director PO Box 13247 MC H-100 Austin, Texas 78711	
13. TYPED NAME: Kay Ghahremani			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED June 28, 2013			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 28 June, 2013		18. DATE APPROVED: 20 September, 2013	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 June, 2013		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health	
3. REMARKS:			

Attachment to Blocks 8 & 9 of CMS Form 179

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**Number of the
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
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**Number of the Superseded
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
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9. Hearing Aids and Audiometric Evaluations

- (a) Providers of professional hearing and audiometric evaluation services are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by HHSC in accordance with Item 1 of this attachment, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners.
- (b) Providers of hearing aids are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's acquisition cost of the hearing aid or fees determined by HHSC, which are based on a review of data available to HHSC, such as cost information from providers or manufacturers, surveys of the Medicaid fees for other states, survey information from national fee analyzers, or other relevant fee-related information.
- (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 hearing aids and audiometric evaluation services effective June 1, 2013, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on June 14, 2013.

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