

Table of Contents

State/Territory Name: Texas

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 13-27

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form
- 3) Superseding Page Listing
- 4) Approved SPA Pages

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

March 21, 2014

Our Reference: SPA TX 13-027

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 13-27, dated September 30, 2013. This state plan amendment updates the fee schedule for ambulance services.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of September 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: 13-027	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: September 1, 2013	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Circle One): <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment) <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §440.170(a) 42 CFR §431.53 Section 1905(a) (29) of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2013 \$ (164,093) b. FFY 2014 \$ (6,833,847) c. FFY 2015 \$ (7,074,641)	
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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9	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 ambulance services 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 <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL be forwarded upon receipt.			
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 September 30, 2013			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 30 September, 2013		18. DATE APPROVED: 21 March, 2014	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 September, 2013		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: BILL BROOKS		22. TITLE: Associated Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health	
23. REMARKS:			

Attachment to Blocks 8 & 9 of CMS Form 179

Transmittal Number 13-027

**Number of the
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1b

**Number of the Superseded
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1b (TN 13-004)

State: Texas
Date Received: 30 Sept, 2013
Date Approved: 1 Mar, 2014
Date Effective: 1 Sept. 2013
Transmittal Number: 13-27

2. Ambulance Services.

- (a) Ground and air ambulance services are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Fees established by HHSC are based on a review of the Medicare fee schedule and/or an analysis of other data available to HHSC such as relevant fee schedules.
- (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 providers of ambulance services effective September 1, 2013 and this fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on September 15, 2013.

State: Texas
Date Received: 30 September, 2013
Date Approved: 21 March, 2014
Date Effective 1 September, 2013
Transmittal Number: 13-27