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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Dallas Regional Office
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

May 2, 2014

Our Reference: SPA TX 13-038

Ms. Kay Ghahremani
State Medicaid/CHIP 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 13-38, dated September 30, 2013. This state plan amendment updates the fee schedule for physicians and other practitioners.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of July 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: Ashley Fox, Policy Development Support

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 13-038	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: July 1, 2013	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Circle One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 440.50(a); §1905(a)(5)(A) of Social Security Act, relating to Physician Services; 42 CFR 440.60(a); §1905(a)(6)(A) of Social Security Act, relating to Other Licensed Practitioners.		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2013 (\$ 564,143) b. FFY 2014 (\$2,756,041) c. FFY 2015 (\$2,853,989)	
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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment updates the physicians and other practitioners fee schedule.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will 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: 2 May, 2014	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 July, 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**

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Page 36 (TN 10-082)
Page 37 (TN 10-082)

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1. Physicians and Other Practitioners (continued)

- (g) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website, as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (h) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for services provided by physicians and other practitioners affiliated with tuberculosis clinics or employed by tuberculosis clinics effective October 1, 2011, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on October 7, 2011.
- (i) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for physicians effective July 1, 2013, and this fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on July 15, 2013.

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Supersedes TN: 13-21

43. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Services

Payment to licensed clinical social workers for mental health counseling for emotional disorders or conditions is limited to the lesser of the actual charge or 70 percent of the existing fee for similar services provided by psychiatrists and psychologists made in accordance with Item 1 of this attachment, 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 licensed clinical social workers effective July 1, 2013, and this fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on July 15, 2013.

44. Licensed Professional Counselor Services

Payment to licensed professional counselors for mental health counseling for emotional disorders or conditions is limited to the lesser of the actual charge or 70 percent of the existing fee for similar services provided by psychiatrists and psychologists made in accordance with Item 1 of this attachment, 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 licensed professional counselors effective July 1, 2013, and this fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on July 15, 2013.

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45. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Services

Payment to licensed marriage and family therapists for mental health counseling for emotional disorders or conditions is limited to the lesser of actual charge or 70 percent of the existing fee for similar services provided by psychiatrists and psychologists made in accordance with Item 1 of this attachment, 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 licensed marriage and family therapist services effective July 1, 2013, and this fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on July 15, 2013.

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