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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

May 8, 2015

Our Reference: SPA TX 15-011

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 15-011, dated March 27, 2015. This state plan amendment updates the fee schedule under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program for physician and dental 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 January 1, 2015. 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 box redacting 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 AND MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-011	2. STATE: TEXAS
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Circle One</i>):			
<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 (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §§ 440.40 and 441.56; §§ 1902(a)(43) and 1905(r) of Social Security Act, relating to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment.		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2015 \$ 113 b. FFY 2016 \$ 165 c. FFY 2017 \$ 195	
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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (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 Medicaid payments for services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program physician and dental fee schedules.			
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: 		16. RETURN TO: Kay Ghahremani State Medicaid Director Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100 Austin, Texas 78711	
13. TYPED NAME: Kay Ghahremani			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 27, 2015			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 27 March, 2015		18. DATE APPROVED: 8 May, 2015	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 January, 2015		20. SIGNATURE:  CIAL:	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health	
23. 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
Page 25i
Page 25k.1

**Number of the Superseded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

Attachment 4.19-B
Page 25i (TN 14-028)
Page 25k.1 (TN 13-032)

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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services – continued

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 January 1, 2015. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on April 15, 2015.

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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued

- 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 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 January 1, 2015. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on April 15, 2015.

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