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State/Territory Name: Texas

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 15-12

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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

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May 14, 2015

Our Reference: SPA TX 15-012

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State Medicaid/CHIP Director  
Health and Human Services Commission  
Post Office Box 13247  
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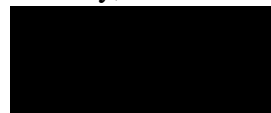
Dear Ms. Ghahremani:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 15-012, dated March 27, 2015. This state plan amendment updates the fee schedule for clinical diagnostic laboratories and simplifies language.

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.

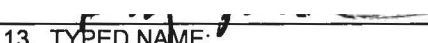
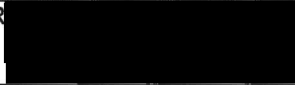
If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Becky Brownlee, Policy Development Support

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  <b>15-012</b>	2. STATE:  <b>TEXAS</b>
		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:  <b>January 1, 2015</b>	
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: <b>42 CFR §440.30, Other laboratory and X-ray services; 42 CFR §441.17, Laboratory Services; 42 CFR Part 493, Laboratory Requirements; Social Security Act §1903(i)(7); and Social Security Act §1833 (h)(1)(A)</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: <b>SEE ATTACHMENT</b> a. FFY 2015 <b>\$162,240</b> b. FFY 2016 <b>\$216,604</b> c. FFY 2017 <b>\$225,684</b>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  <b>SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 &amp; 9</b>		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ):  <b>SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 &amp; 9</b>	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  <b>The proposed amendment updates the clinical diagnostic laboratories (CDL) fee schedule and simplifies language.</b>			
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:  <b>Kay Ghahremani State Medicaid Director Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100 Austin, Texas 78711</b>	
13. TYPED NAME: <b>Kay Ghahremani</b>			
14. TITLE: <b>State Medicaid Director</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <b>March 27, 2015</b>			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED:    27 March, 2015		18. DATE APPROVED:      14 May, 2015	
<b>PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  1 January, 2015		20. SIGNATURE:  :	
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**

**Transmittal Number 15-012**

**Number of the  
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B  
Page 1c

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

Attachment 4.19-B  
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State: Texas  
Date Received: 3/27/15  
Date Approved: 5/14/15  
Date Effective: 1/1/15  
Transmittal Number: 15-0012

### 3. Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services

Medicaid providers of clinical diagnostic laboratory (CDL) services are reimbursed based on fee schedules as follows:

- (a) The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) medical and newborn screening services through a federal freedom-of-choice exemption as well as any other laboratory services provided that are not covered by this exemption.

The DSHS laboratory is reimbursed for all laboratory services provided at 100 percent of the Medicare fees.

- (b) Sole community hospitals are reimbursed the lesser of their billed charges or the fee determined by HHSC, which is 100 percent of the Medicare fee. Under Medicare the fee schedule amount paid to sole community hospitals is three and one third percent higher than the fee schedule amount paid to other types of providers of CDL service.

The Medicaid fee for any new procedure codes added during the year will be based on 86.8 percent of the Medicare fees in effect as of January 1 of that same year.

- (c) The remaining providers of these services are reimbursed the lesser of their billed charges or the fee determined by HHSC, which is 100 percent of the Medicare fee.

The Medicaid fee for any new procedure codes added during the year will be based on 84 percent of the Medicare fees in effect as of January 1 of that same year.

- (d) The reimbursement methodologies in 3(a) – (c) ensure that Medicaid payments to these providers for these services meet the upper payment limit requirements in Section 1903(i)(7) of the Social Security Act, which requires that Medicaid payments for clinical laboratory services must not exceed the Medicare fee for the service on a per test basis.

- (e) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1.

- (f) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for clinical diagnostic laboratory services effective January 1, 2015, and was posted on the agency's website on April 10, 2015.