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State/Territory Name: Texas

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 18-0002

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

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April 6, 2018

Our Reference: TX SPA 18-0002

Ms. Stephanie Muth  
State Medicaid Director  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Mail Code: H100  
P.O. Box 13247  
Austin, Texas 78711

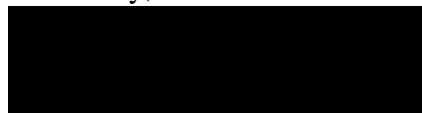
Dear Ms. Muth:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number (TN) 18-0002, dated March 7, 2018. This amendment updates the clinical diagnostic laboratories fee schedule.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas state plan with an effective date of January 1, 2018, as requested. A copy of the CMS-179 form as well as the approved plan pages are included with this letter.


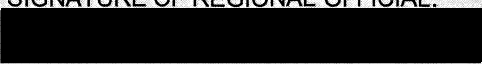
If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by e-mail at [Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Cc: Dana Williamson, Manager, Policy Development Support

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> <b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  <b>18-0002</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, 2018</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>Social Security Act §1902(a)(30); 42 CFR §447.201(b)</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: <b>SEE ATTACHMENT</b> a. FFY 2018 <b>\$295,548</b> b. FFY 2019 <b>\$409,592</b> c. FFY 2020 <b>\$416,147</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.</b>			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW ( <i>Check One</i> ):  <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt. <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:  		16. RETURN TO:  <b>Stephanie Muth</b> <b>State Medicaid Director</b> <b>Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100</b> <b>Austin, Texas 78711</b>	
13. TYPED NAME: <b>Stephanie Muth</b>			
14. TITLE: <b>State Medicaid Director</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <b>March 07, 2018</b>			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED:      March 7, 2018		18. DATE APPROVED:      April 6, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  January 1, 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:  	
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 18-0002**

**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  
Page 1c (TN 17-0015)

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### 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, 2018 and will be posted on the agency's website on April 13, 2018.

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