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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
JFK Federal Building, Government Center
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

January 5, 2016

Hal Cohen, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, Vermont 05495

Dear Secretary Cohen:

We are pleased to enclose an approved copy of Vermont's approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 15-0021 with an effective date of October 1, 2015, as requested by your Agency.

This SPA amended your Title XIX State plan to allow licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors to provide and bill for behavioral health services within their scope of practice.

Enclosed is the following page to be incorporated within your State plan:

- Attachment 3.1-A, page 3d

If there are questions, please contact Tom Schenck at (617) 565-1325, or tom.schenck@cms.hhs.gov.

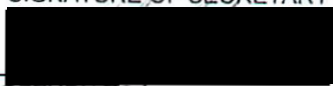


Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Steven Costantino, Commissioner
Dylan Frazer, Health Programs Administrator, Policy Unit
Ashley Berliner, Director of Healthcare Policy and Planning

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15 - 021	2. STATE: VERMONT
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (CHECK ONE): <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 (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OCTOBER 1, 2015	
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2016 \$ 86,874 b. FFY 2017 \$ 86,890		
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: ATT. 3.1-A PG 3D	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) ATT. 3.1-A PG 3D		
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <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 SIGNATURE OF SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION 	
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: DYLAN FRAZER AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES 208 HURRICANE LANE WILLISTON, VT 05495	
13. TYPED NAME: HAL COHEN		15. DATE SUBMITTED: 12/21/15	
14. TITLE: SECRETARY, AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 12/21/2015		18. DATE APPROVED: January 5, 2016	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 10/01/2015		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal		22. TITLE Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS			

OFFICIAL

TITLE XIX
State: VERMONT

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ITEM 6. MEDICAL CARE AND ANY OTHER OF REMEDIAL CARE RECOGNIZED UNDER STATE LAW, FURNISHED BY LICENSED PRACTITIONERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR PRACTICE AS DEFINED BY STATE LAW (continued)

D. Other Practitioners' Services

1. Behavioral Health Services:

The services of a licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed mental health counselor, licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor (regardless of whether the counselor is a preferred provider), or licensed marriage and family therapist practicing independently are covered for psychotherapy provided that they are working within their scope of practice.

No reimbursement for this state plan service is allowed if the beneficiary is an inpatient or outpatient of a general hospital, resident in a mental hospital or a patient concurrently receiving services at a community mental health clinic.

2. Opticians' Services:

Vision care services are limited to the coverage of eyeglass-dispensing services. Opticians must work within their scope of practice.

3. High-Tech Nursing Services:

High-tech nursing services are nursing services furnished by licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses and are limited to technology-dependent beneficiaries who are receiving care through the Medicaid "High-Tech Program". All services must be within each provider's scope of practice and must be prior authorized by the Medicaid Division.

4. Licensed Lay Midwife Services:

Services are limited to those specified in protocols for licensure and reviewed and accepted by the State of Vermont, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation. Licensed lay midwives must work within their scope of practice.

5. Naturopathic Physician Services:

Services are limited to those specified in protocols for licensure and reviewed and accepted by the State of Vermont, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, and are services covered by Medicaid and within a naturopath's scope of practice.

TN No. 15-021
Supersedes
TN No. 08-005

Effective Date: 10/01/15
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