
Table of Contents

State/Territory Name: Vermont

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-0015

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form
- 3) Approved SPA Page

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
JFK Federal Building, Government Center
Room 2275
Boston, Massachusetts 02203



Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

August 30, 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. 16-0015 with an effective date of July 1, 2016, as requested by your Agency.

This SPA amended your Title XIX State plan to increase the fee schedule rates for Licensed Behavior Analysts and Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts.

Enclosed are the following pages to be incorporated within your State plan:

- Attachment 4.19-B, page 3a

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

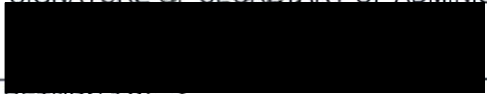
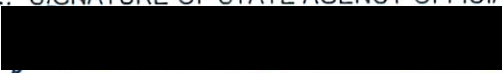
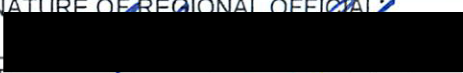
Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Richard R. McGreal.

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: 16-0015	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 (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE(S) July 1, 2016	
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2016 \$ 242,221 b. FFY <u>2017</u> \$ 839,100		
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: ATT. 4.19-B PG 3A	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) ATT. 4.19-B PG 3A		
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: ABA Rates			
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 SIGNATURE OF SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION 	
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: DYLAN FRAZER AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES 280 STATE DRIVE, CENTER BUILDING WATERBURY, VT 05671-1000	
13. TYPED NAME: HAL COHEN		14. TITLE: SECRETARY, AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <u>8/1/16</u>		FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY	
17. DATE RECEIVED: 8/1/2016		18. DATE APPROVED: <u>8-30-16</u>	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS Pen and Ink change to Box 4. The SPA was originally submitted with a proposed effective date of 6/15/2016. That was changed to 7/1/2016.			

METHODS AND STANDARDS OF ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER MEDICAL CARE
(Continued)

6. d. Other Practitioners Services

1. Behavioral Health Services

Payment is made at the lower of the actual charge or the Medicaid rate on file. For services payable in Medicare's Resource Based Relative Values Scale payment methodology, the DVHA is utilizing the Medicare RBRVS RVUs, the Medicare GPCIs and State determined conversion factors as specified in Section 26. The RBRVS methodology was updated for dates of service effective as specified in Section 26 of Attachment 4.19-B. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private.

2. Opticians' Services

Payment is made at the lower of the actual charge or the Medicaid rate on file. For services payable in Medicare's Resource Based Relative Values Scale payment methodology, the DVHA is utilizing the Medicare RBRVS RVUs, the Medicare GPCIs and State determined conversion factors as specified in Section 26. The RBRVS methodology was updated for dates of service effective as specified in Section 26 of Attachment 4.19-B. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private.

3. High-Tech Nursing Services

Payment is made at the lower of the actual charge or the Medicaid rate on file. For services payable in Medicare's Resource Based Relative Values Scale payment methodology, the DVHA is utilizing the Medicare RBRVS RVUs, the Medicare GPCIs and State determined conversion factors as specified in Section 26. The RBRVS methodology was updated for dates of service effective as specified in Section 26 of Attachment 4.19-B. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private.

4. Licensed Lay Midwife Services

Payment is made at the lower of the actual charge or the Medicaid rate on file. For services payable in Medicare's Resource Based Relative Values Scale payment methodology, the DVHA is utilizing the Medicare RBRVS RVUs, the Medicare GPCIs and State determined conversion factors as specified in Section 26. The RBRVS methodology was updated for dates of service effective as specified in Section 26 of Attachment 4.19-B. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private.

5. Naturopathic Physician Services

Payment is made at the lower of actual charge for the service or the Medicaid rate on file. For services payable in Medicare's Resource Based Relative Values Scale payment methodology, the DVHA is utilizing the Medicare RBRVS RVUs, the Medicare GPCIs and State determined conversion factors as specified in Section 26. The RBRVS methodology was updated for dates of service effective as specified in Section 26 of Attachment 4.19-B. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private.

6. Licensed Behavior Analysts and Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts

Payment is made at the lower of the actual charge or the Medicaid rate on file. Rates were set as of 7/1/16 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published at www.dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

TN# 16-0015

Supersedes

TN# 15-001

Effective Date: 07/01/16

Approval Date: 8/30/16