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May 9, 2017

Michael Heifetz, Medicaid Director  
Division of Medicaid Services  
Department of Health Services  
1 West Wilson Street, Room 350  
Madison, WI 53702

ATTN: Al Matano, SPA Coordinator

RE: Transmittal Number (TN) 15-012

Dear Mr. Heifetz:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment (SPA):

Medicaid Reimbursement Outpatient Hospital Services Access Payments Fiscal Year 2016

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Approval date: May 9, 2017

Please note that for any subsequent outpatient hospital access payment SPAs, the state will need to submit supporting documentation (i.e., data showing the shift of beneficiaries from fee-for-service to managed care) to support the state's rationale for decreasing access payments. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Mai Le-Yuen at (312) 353-2853 or by email at [mai.le-yuen@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mai.le-yuen@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Alan Freund  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-012	2. STATE Wisconsin
<b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 07/01/2015	
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)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447 Subpart F, §§447.300, 447.302, 447.304, 447.321, and 447.325.		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2015 ..... \$0K b. FFY 2016 ..... \$0K	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Attachment 4.19-B, Page 7 .....		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  Same.	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  Medicaid Reimbursement for Outpatient Hospital Services, State of Wisconsin Medicaid Payment Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <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:  [Redacted]		16. RETURN TO: Kevin Moore State Medicaid Director Department of Health Services 1 W. Wilson St. P.O. Box 309 Madison, WI 53701-0309	
13. TYPED NAME: Kevin Moore			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 28, 2015			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED: September 28, 2015		18. DATE APPROVED: May 9, 2017	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2015		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/	
21. TYPED NAME: Alan Freund		22. TITLE: Acting Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS:			

*4230 Calculating Final EAPG Payment.* Each line of an outpatient hospital claim is assigned to an EAPG and therefore has a distinct weight. These weights are multiplied by the hospital's specific EAPG base rate. The total reimbursement for an outpatient hospital claim is the sum of these multiplications, with the following exceptions:

- Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services are paid on a fee schedule basis.

*4240 Exclusions from the EAPG Reimbursement System.* The following services are not included within the EAPG reimbursement system:

- Therapy Services
- Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Provider-Based End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Services

*4250 Outpatient Access Payment.* To promote WMP member access to acute care, children's, rehabilitation, and critical access hospitals throughout Wisconsin, the WMP provides a hospital access payment amount per eligible outpatient FFS claim. Access payments are intended to reimburse hospital providers based on WMP volume. Therefore, the payment amounts per claim are not differentiated by hospital based on acuity or individual hospital cost. However, critical access hospitals receive a different access payment per claim than do acute care, children's, and rehabilitation hospitals.

The amount of the hospital access payment per claim is based on an available funding pool appropriated in the state budget and aggregate hospital UPLs. This amount of funding is divided by the estimated number of paid outpatient FFS claims for the SFY to develop the per claim access payment rate.

For SFY 2016, the FFS access payment funding pool amount for outpatient acute care, children's, and rehabilitation hospitals is \$105,473,475, resulting in a projected access payment amount of \$335 per claim; the FFS access payment funding pool amount for outpatient critical access hospitals is \$1,906,638, resulting in a projected access payment amount of \$29 per claim. These access payment per claim amounts are identified on the hospital reimbursement rate web page of the Wisconsin ForwardHealth Portal. This payment per claim is in addition to the EAPG base payment described in §4230. Access payments per claim are only provided until the FFS access payment funding pool amount has been expended for the SFY.

Access payments are subject to the same federal UPL standards as base rate payments. Access payment amounts are not interim payments and are not subject to settlement. Psychiatric hospitals are not eligible for access payments because of the unique rate setting methods used to establish rates for those hospitals.