

## **Table of Contents**

**State/Territory Name: California**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0029**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form (with 179-like data)
- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

---

December 1, 2023

Michelle Baass  
Director and Interim State Medicaid Director  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Re: California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0029

Dear Director Baass:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0029. This amendment will clarify and update denture policy categorical information and clarify exemptions in the prosthodontics (removable) general policies for Medi-Cal.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 440.100 and 42 CFR 440.120. This letter is to inform you that California Medicaid SPA 23-0029 was approved on December 1, 2023, with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of James G. Scott. A small blue mark is visible at the bottom left corner of the redaction.

Digitally signed by James  
G. Scott -S  
Date: 2023.12.01 10:51:39  
-06'00'

James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER<br><u>2 3 — 0 0 2 9</u>   | 2. STATE<br><u>CA</u> |
| 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI |                       |

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 1, 2023**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
43 U.S.C. Section 1396a; 42 C.F.R. 447, Subpart 7  
42 CFR 440.100 and 42 CFR 440.120

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2024 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2025 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 20b  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 15a, 15a.1, and 18  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 15a, 15a.1, and 18

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 20b  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 15a, 15a.1, and 18  
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 15a, 15a.1, and 18

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
To clarify and update denture policy categorical information and clarify exemptions in the prosthodontics (removable) general policies for Medi-Cal.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:  
Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

11. STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  
[Redacted]

12. TYPED NAME  
Jacey Cooper

13. TITLE  
State Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
September 29, 2023

15. RETURN TO  
Department of Health Care Services  
Attn: Director's Office  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 16. DATE RECEIVED<br>September 29, 2023 | 17. DATE APPROVED<br>December 1, 2023 |
|---|---------------------------------------|

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL<br>October 1, 2023 | 19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL<br><u>[Redacted]</u><br>Digitally signed by James G. Scott -S<br>Date: 2023.12.01 10:52:06 -06'00' |
| 20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL<br>James G. Scott     | 21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL<br>Director, Division of Program Operations  |

22. REMARKS  
Box 5: CMS made pen & ink changes to correct the statutory citation and to add regulatory citations per email with state dated 11/16/23.  
Boxes 7-8: CMS made pen & ink changes to remove the reimbursement page, which was withdrawn on 10/30/23 as part of CA's responses to CMS's comments.

**STATE PLAN CHART**

| TYPE OF SERVICES                    | PROGRAM COVERAGE**   | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 9. Clinical services<br>(continued) | The following services are limited to a maximum of two services in any one calendar month or any combination of two services per month, although additional services can be provided based on medical necessity through the TAR process: acupuncture, audiology, chiropractic, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.   |   |
| 10. Dental services                 | <p>Effective January 1, 2018, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(a)(10), emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative dental services are covered, based on medical necessity. For beneficiaries 21 years of age and older, there is an \$1,800 annual benefit maximum, unless medically necessary or under the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency dental services</li> <li>• Services that are federally mandated under Part 440 (commencing with Section 440.1) of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations</li> <li>• Pregnancy-related services and for other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy</li> <li>• Maxillofacial and complex oral surgery</li> <li>• Maxillofacial services, including dental implants and implant-retained prostheses</li> <li>• Services provided in long-term care facilities</li> </ul> <p>For beneficiaries under 21 years of age, medically necessary dental services mandated by Sections 1905(a)(4)(B) and (r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 1396d(a)(4)(B) and (r)), early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services are covered. Cosmetic procedures, experimental procedures, and orthodontic services for beneficiaries 21 years of age and older are not covered benefits.</p> | All limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity and approved through a prior authorization or exemption process. |

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 19-0046

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

STATE PLAN CHART

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A  
Page 15a.1

---

| TYPE OF SERVICES                  | PROGRAM COVERAGE**   | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS* |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 10 Dental services<br>(continued) | Effective July 1, 2015, under California law, Medi-Cal enables providers to practice synchronous and asynchronous teledentistry. |  |

---

---

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 19-0028

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

STATE PLAN CHART

|      | TYPE OF SERVICES                                      | PROGRAM COVERAGE**  | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*   |
|------|---|---|--|
| 12b. | Dentures  | Full or partial dentures once every five-year period.<br>Immediate dentures once in a lifetime.   | All limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity and approved through a prior authorization or exemption process.  |
| 12c. | Prosthetic and orthotic appliances, and hearing aids. | <p>Prosthetic and orthotic appliances are covered when prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner within their scope of practice.</p> <p>Hearing aids are covered only when supplied by a hearing aid dispenser upon the prescription of an otolaryngologist or the attending physician where there is no otolaryngologist available.</p> <p>Loaner aids, during repair periods covered under guarantee, are not covered. Replacement batteries are not covered.</p> <p>Replacement of hearing aids that are lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control is not included in the \$1,510 maximum benefit cap.</p> <p>Hearing aid benefits are subject to a \$1,510 maximum cap per beneficiary per fiscal year, although this limit can be exceeded based on medical necessity through prior authorization. Hearing aid benefits include hearing aids and hearing aid supplies and accessories. The following beneficiaries are exempt from the cap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant women, if hearing aids are part of their pregnancy related services or for services to treat a condition that might complicate their pregnancy.</li> <li>• Individuals who are eligible for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program.</li> </ul> | <p>Prior authorization is required.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required for the purchase or trial period rental of hearing aids and for hearing aid repairs which exceed a cost of \$25. Cords, receivers, ear molds, and hearing aid garments are covered without prior authorization.</p> |

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 15-0036

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

**STATE PLAN CHART**

| TYPE OF SERVICES                    | PROGRAM COVERAGE**   | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 9. Clinical services<br>(continued) | The following services are limited to a maximum of two services in any one calendar month or any combination of two services per month, although additional services can be provided based on medical necessity through the TAR process: acupuncture, audiology, chiropractic, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.   |   |
| 10. Dental services                 | <p>Effective January 1, 2018, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(a)(10), emergency and essential diagnostic and restorative dental services are covered, based on medical necessity. For beneficiaries 21 years of age and older, there is an \$1,800 annual benefit maximum, unless medically necessary or under the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency dental services</li> <li>• Services that are federally mandated under Part 440 (commencing with Section 440.1) of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations</li> <li>• Pregnancy-related services and for other conditions that might complicate the pregnancy</li> <li>• Maxillofacial and complex oral surgery</li> <li>• Maxillofacial services, including dental implants and implant-retained prostheses</li> <li>• Services provided in long-term care facilities</li> </ul> <p>For beneficiaries under 21 years of age, medically necessary dental services mandated by Sections 1905(a)(4)(B) and (r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 1396d(a)(4)(B) and (r)), early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services are covered. Cosmetic procedures, experimental procedures, and orthodontic services for beneficiaries 21 years of age and older are not covered benefits.</p> | All limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity and approved through a prior authorization or exemption process. |

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 19-0046

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

STATE PLAN CHART

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B

Page 15a.1

---

| TYPE OF SERVICES                  | PROGRAM COVERAGE**   | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS* |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 10 Dental services<br>(continued) | Effective July 1, 2015, under California law, Medi-Cal enables providers to practice synchronous and asynchronous teledentistry. |  |

---

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 19-0028

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

STATE PLAN CHART

| TYPE OF SERVICES   | PROGRAM COVERAGE**  | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*   |
|--|---|--|
| 12b. Dentures  | Full or partial dentures once every five-year period. Immediate dentures once in a lifetime.  | All limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity and approved through a prior authorization or exemption process.  |
| 12c. Prosthetic and orthotic appliances, and hearing aids. | <p>Prosthetic and orthotic appliances are covered when prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner within their scope of practice.</p> <p>Hearing aids are covered only when supplied by a hearing aid dispenser upon the prescription of an otolaryngologist or the attending physician where there is no otolaryngologist available.</p> <p>Loaner aids, during repair periods covered under guarantee, are not covered. Replacement batteries are not covered.</p> <p>Replacement of hearing aids that are lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary's control is not included in the \$1,510 maximum benefit cap.</p> <p>Hearing aid benefits are subject to a \$1,510 maximum cap per beneficiary per fiscal year, although this limit can be exceeded based on medical necessity through prior authorization. Hearing aid benefits include hearing aids and hearing aid supplies and accessories. The following beneficiaries are exempt from the cap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant women, if hearing aids are part of their pregnancy related services or for services to treat a condition that might complicate their pregnancy.</li> <li>• Individuals who are eligible for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program.</li> </ul> | <p>Prior authorization is required.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required for the purchase or trial period rental of hearing aids and for hearing aid repairs which exceed a cost of \$25. Cords, receivers, ear molds, and hearing aid garments are covered without prior authorization.</p> |

\*Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\*Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

TN Number: 23-0029

Supersedes

TN Number: 15-0036

Approval Date: December 1, 2023

Effective Date: October 1, 2023