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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0045

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March 3, 2022

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director  
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing  
1570 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0045

Dear Ms. Bimestefer:

We have reviewed the State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 21-0045. This amendment complies with a July 12, 2021 Center Informational Bulletin that provides states with details on section 209 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, regarding Medicaid coverage of certain medical transportation. It attests that all the minimum requirements outlined in 1902(a)(87) of the Social Security Act are met.

Please be informed that this SPA was approved on March 3, 2022, with an effective date of December 27, 2021. Enclosed are the CMS-179 and the amended plan page.

Should you have any questions about this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

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

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 440.170

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1-D – Methods of Assuring Transportation – Page 3 (NEW)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Comply with a July 12, 2021 Center Informational Bulletin that provides states with details on section 209 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, regarding Medicaid coverage of certain medical transportation.

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

11. FOR CMS USE ONLY
   16. DATE RECEIVED
       December 30, 2021
   17. DATE APPROVED
       March 3, 2022
   18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
       December 27, 2021
   19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
       Digitally signed by James G. Scott -S
       Date: 2023.03.03 15:24:18 -06'00'
   20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
       James G. Scott
   21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
       Director, Division of Program Operations
   22. REMARKS
       State approved change in box 7 to correct page number (and identify as a NEW page) and box 8 to remove superseded page.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM CMS-179

Use Form CMS-179 to transmit State plan material to the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services for approval. Submit a separate typed transmittal form with each plan/amendment.

**Block 1 - Transmittal Number** - Enter the State Plan Amendment transmittal number. Assign consecutive numbers on a calendar year basis with the first two digits being the two-digit year (e.g., 21-0001, 21-0002, etc.). Because states have different state fiscal years, a calendar year is required for consistency.

**Block 2 - State** - Enter the two-letter abbreviation code of the State/District/Territory submitting the plan material.

**Block 3 - Program Identification** - Enter the applicable Title of the Social Security Act (Title XIX Medicaid or Title XXI CHIP).

**Block 4 - Proposed Effective Date** - Enter the proposed effective date of material. The effective date of a new plan may not be earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter in which an approvable plan is submitted. With respect to expenditures for assistance under such plan, the effective date may not be earlier than the first day on which the plan is in operation on a statewide basis or earlier than the day following publication of notice of changes.

**Block 5 - Federal Statute/Regulation Citation** - Enter the appropriate statutory/regulatory citation.

**Block 6 - Federal Budget Impact** - Enter in whole dollars, not in thousands, 1st Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) impacted by the SPA & estimated Federal share of the cost of the SPA for 1st FFY. The first FFY should be the FFY inclusive of the earliest effective date of any amended payment language; 2nd FFY impacted by the SPA & estimated Federal share of the cost for 2nd FFY. In general, the estimates should include any amount not currently approved in the state’s plan for assistance.

**Block 7 - Page No.(s) of Plan Section or Attachment** - Enter the page number(s) of plan material amended and transmitted. If additional space is needed, use bond paper. New pages should be included in Block 7, but not in Block 8.

**Block 8 - Page No.(s) of the Superseded Plan Section or Attachment (if Applicable)** - Enter the page number(s) (including the transmittal number) that is being superseded. If additional space is needed, use bond paper. Deleted pages should be included in Block 8, but not in Block 7.

**Block 9 - Subject of Amendment** - Briefly describe plan material being transmitted.

**Block 10 - Governor’s Review** - Check the appropriate box. See SMM section 13026 A.

**Block 11 - Signature of State Agency Official** - Authorized State official signs this block.

**Block 12 - Typed Name** - Type name of State official who signed block 11.

**Block 13 - Title** - Type title of State official who signed block 11.

**Block 14 - Date Submitted** - Enter the date that the state transmits plan material to CMCS. Unless the state officially withdraws this SPA and then resubmits it, this date should not be revised. Documentation of version revisions will be maintained in the CMCS administrative record.

**Block 15 - Return To** - Type the name and address of State official to whom this form should be returned.

**Block 16–22 (FOR CMS USE ONLY).**

**Block 16 - Date Received** - Enter the date plan material is received by CMCS. This is the date that the submission is received by CMCS via the subscribed submission process.

**Block 17 - Date Approved** - Enter the date CMCS approved the plan material.

**Block 18 - Effective Date of Approved Material** - Enter the date the plan material becomes effective. If more than one effective date, list each provision and its effective date in Block 22 or attach a sheet.

**Block 19 - Signature of Approving Official** - Approving official signs this block.

**Block 20 - Typed Name of Approving Official** - Type approving official's name.

**Block 21 - Title of Approving Official** - Type approving official's title.

**Block 22 - Remarks** - Use this block to reference and explain agreed to changes and strike-throughs to the original CMS-179 as submitted, a partial approval, more than one effective date, etc. If additional space is needed, use bond paper.

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The state Medicaid agency attests that all the minimum requirements outlined in 1902(a)(87) of the Social Security Act are met.