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**State/Territory Name: Colorado**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0055**

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March 28, 2022

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

RE: Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0055

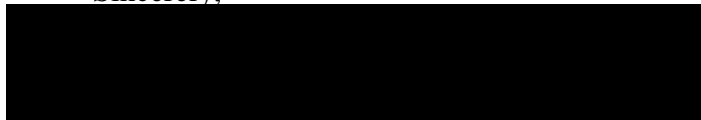
Dear Ms. Bimestefer:

We have reviewed the State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 21-0055. This Amendment adds licensed School Psychologists as an Other Licensed Practitioner and updates the mental health and substance abuse practitioner qualifications for rehabilitation services.

Please be informed that this SPA was approved on March 28, 2022, with an effective date of October 1, 2021. Enclosed are the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

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


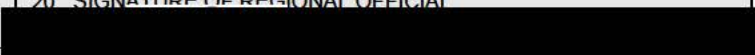
Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director  
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Enclosures

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<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>21-0055</b>	2. STATE: <b>COLORADO</b>
<b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: <b>TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)</b>	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: <b>October 1, 2021</b>	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL ( <i>Check One</i> ):  NEW STATE PLAN                      AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN <b>X AMENDMENT</b>			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT ( <i>Separate transmittal for each amendment</i> )			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:  <b>Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Section 1905(a) / 42 CFR 440</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  a. FFY 2021: \$ <u>    0    </u> b. FFY 2022: \$ <u>    0    </u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  <b>Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A – Limitations to Care and Services – Item 13.d – Rehabilitative Services: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services for Children – Page 3 of 3</b>  6.d. Other practitioners' services		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ): <b>Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A – Limitations to Care and Services – Item 13.d – Rehabilitative Services: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services for Children – Page 3 of 3 (TN 17-0002)</b>  6.d. Other practitioners' services (TN 21-0031)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  <b>This Amendment adds licensed School Psychologists as an Other Licensed Practitioner and updates the mental health and substance abuse practitioner qualifications for rehabilitation services.</b>			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW ( <i>Check One</i> ):  GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <b>X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED</b>  COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <b>Governor's letter dated 11 October, 2019</b>  NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:  		16. RETURN TO:  <b>Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818</b>  Attn: Amy Winterfeld	
13. TYPED NAME:  <b>Tracy Johnson</b>		<b>SPA originally submitted 6/2/21 under TN 21-0024. Withdrawn on 8/26/21 per CMS instruction. Resubmitting original SPA docs to preserve 10/1/21 effective date under new TN 21-0055 since the Department cannot submit under the original withdrawn TN 21-0024.</b>	
14. TITLE:  <b>Medicaid Director</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <b>12/29/2021</b>			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED                      December 29, 2021		18. DATE APPROVED                      March 28, 2022	
<b>PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  October 1, 2021		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL  	
21. TYPED NAME  James G. Scott		22. TITLE  Director, Division of Program Operations	
23. REMARKS: State auth.change to boxes 8, 9 and 10 to fix page numbers, add 6.d. Other practitioners' services, and modify subject language.			

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Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A

LIMITATIONS TO CARE AND SERVICES

6.d. Other practitioners' services.

The following services are provided:

1. Services of State licensed Psychologists within their scope of practice according to state law.
2. Services of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists within their scope of practice according to state law.
3. Services of Clinical Nurse Specialists within their scope of practice according to state law.
4. Services of licensed Physician Assistants within their scope of practice according to state law.
5. Services of licensed Pharmacists within their scope of practice according to state law.
6. Services of licensed School Psychologists within their scope of practice according to state law.

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**Provider Qualifications**

1. Licensed health practitioners include:
  - a. Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
  - b. Physician/Psychiatrist
  - c. Physician assistant
  
2. Licensed clinicians include:
  - a. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
  - b. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
  - c. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
  - d. Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC)
  - e. Psychologist, Psy.D/Ph.D
  
3. Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)
  - a. A facility that meets the definition of a CMHC and is licensed or designated by the Office of Behavioral Health.