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March 28, 2022

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
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
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENETERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

CENETERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:** 21-0055

**STATE:** COLORADO

**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2021

**TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):**

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN

X AMENDMENT

**FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:**

Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Section 1905(a) / 42 CFR 440

**FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:**

- a. FFY 2021: $0
- b. FFY 2022: $0

**PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:**

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

6.d. Other practitioners' services

**SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:**

This Amendment adds licensed School Psychologists as an Other Licensed Practitioner and updates the mental health and substance abuse practitioner qualifications for rehabilitation services.

**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

**SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:**

**Typed Name:** Tracy Johnson

**TITLE:** Medicaid Director

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 12/29/2021

**RETURN TO:**

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

1570 Grant Street

Denver, CO 80203-1818

Attn: Amy Winterfeld

**DATE RECEIVED:** December 29, 2021

**DATE APPROVED:** March 28, 2022

**PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:** October 1, 2021

**Typed Name:** James G. Scott

**TITLE:** Director, Division of Program Operations

**REMARKS:** State auth. change to boxes 8, 9 and 10 to fix page numbers, add 6.d. Other practitioners' services, and modify subject language.
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.
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.