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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) CO: 22-0033**

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- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
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**Financial Management Group**

December 15, 2022

Bettina Schneider, Chief Financial Officer  
Attn: Amy Winterfeld  
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
1570 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203-1818

**RE: Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 22-0033**

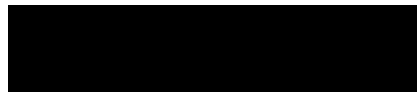
Dear Ms. Schneider:

We have reviewed the proposed Colorado State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 27, 2022. This plan amendment carves select outpatient hospital opioid antagonist drugs, which are otherwise compensated through the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) payment methodology, out of the EAPG methodology and reimburses them at the lower of billed charges or the fee schedule rate.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 08, 2022. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact LaJoshica (Josh) Smith via 214-767-6453 or [lajoshica.smith@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lajoshica.smith@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

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2. STATE

CO

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX  XXI

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 8, 2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Social Security Act, Section 1905(a)(2)(A) / 42 CFR 440.20

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2022 \$ 57,455  
b. FFY 2023 \$ 246,718

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates -- Other Types of Care -- 2a. Outpatient Hospital Services -- Page 2d of 6

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates -- Other Types of Care -- 2a. Outpatient Hospital Services -- Page 2d of 6 (TN CO-21-0040)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Carve select outpatient hospital opioid antagonist drugs, which are otherwise compensated through the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) payment methodology, out of the EAPG methodology and instead reimburse them at the lower of billed charges or the fee schedule rate.

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:

OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME  
Bettina Schneider

13. TITLE  
Chief Financial Officer

14. DATE SUBMITTED

15. RETURN TO

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
1570 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203-1818

Attn: Amy Winterfeld

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16. DATE RECEIVED  
September 27, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED  
December 15, 2022

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
July 8, 2022

OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE OF COLORADO

ATTACHMENT 4.19B  
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**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE**

2a. OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (continued)

- a. Outpatient nuclear medicine/computerized tomography scans shall be reimbursed under the EAPG methodology.
  - b. Any service not listed here is reimbursed under the existing state plan methodology elsewhere in this section.
2. Effective August 11, 2018, for services meeting the criteria of selected Outpatient Hospital Physician Administered Drugs, as defined by the list of drugs included in the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's billing manual accessed through the Department's web site, that would have otherwise been compensated through the EAPG methodology, a hospital must submit a request for authorization to the Department prior to administration of the drug. If the request is approved and the drug is administered to the patient, then the hospital must submit an invoice showing the actual acquisition cost of the drug before payment will be rendered by the Department. The Department will pay the provider 72% of the net invoice cost.
  3. Effective July 8, 2022, payments for select Outpatient Hospital Opioid Antagonist Drugs that would have otherwise been compensated through the EAPG methodology are reimbursed at either the lower of billed charges or the fee schedule rate posted on the Department's website at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-rates-fee-schedule>.

4-6. These sections are reserved for future use.