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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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

June 14, 2021

Kathleen M. Brennan, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Social Services
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

RE: Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0011

Dear Deputy Commissioner Brennan:

We have reviewed the proposed Connecticut 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 March 30, 2021. This plan amendment updated the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fee schedule to incorporate the 2021 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of February 1, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

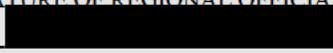
If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact James Moreth at 206-615-2043 or James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21-0011	2. STATE: CT
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE February 1, 2021	
5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Sections 1905(a)(7) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 440.70(b)(3)		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2021 (\$600) b. FFY 2022 (\$1,100)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(a)v Supplement 1 to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 4		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If applicable) Attachment 4.19-B Page 1(a)v Supplement 1 to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 4	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to make the following changes. First, this SPA revises the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fee schedule to incorporate the 2021 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Newly added codes are priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category. This SPA also decreases rates for several orthotic braces on the Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) Fee Schedule to ensure that those rates remain at or below Medicare, which is required by state regulations. Medicare recently added certain O&P braces to the Medicare competitive bidding program, which resulted in lower Medicare rates for those codes.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: State of Connecticut Department of Social Services 55 Farmington Avenue, 9 th Floor Hartford, CT 06105 Attention: Ginny Mahoney, Medical Policy	
13. TYPED NAME: Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH			
14. TITLE: Commissioner			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 30, 2021			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: March 30, 2021		18. DATE APPROVED: June 14, 2021	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: February 1, 2021		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Todd McMillion		22. TITLE: Director, Division of Reimbursement Review	
23. REMARKS			

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Connecticut

(7) Home Health Services –

(a) Intermittent or part-time nursing services provided by a home health agency or by a registered nurse when no home health agency exists in the area are provided with limitations.

(b) Home health aide services provided by a home health agency with limitations.

(c) Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility are provided with limitations.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of home health services provided by a home health agency listed above in (a), (b), and (c). The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of November 1, 2020 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the applicable fee schedule.

(d) Medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in the home – Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in the home. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of February 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download." Over-the-counter products provided by pharmacies are reimbursed at Average Wholesale Price (AWP). The temporary rate increase for non-sterile gloves is effective September 1, 2020 and expires 90 days after the end of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) federal public health emergency declaration, as extended. After such date, the rate for non-sterile gloves reverts to the rate in effect immediately prior to September 1, 2020.

(8) Private duty nursing services – Not provided.

TN # 21-0011
Supersedes
TN # 20-0024

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6/14/21

Effective Date 02/01/2021

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(b) Prosthetic devices

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of prosthetic devices. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of February 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website:

<https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the applicable fee schedule.

(c) Eyeglasses

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of eyeglasses. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2008 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the applicable fee schedule.

(d) Hearing Aids

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of hearing aids. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of March 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the applicable fee schedule. The price allowed for hearing aids shall be the actual acquisition cost of the hearing aid(s) to the provider, not to exceed the applicable rates on the Hearing Aid/Prosthetic Eye fee schedule.