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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-26-12
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March 3, 2023

Mr. Theodore G. Mermigos, Jr.
Acting Division Director
Division of Medicaid Medical Assistance
P.O. Box 906
New Castle, DE 19720

Re: Delaware State Plan Amendment (SPA) #DE-22-0008

Dear Mr. Mermigos:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) #DE-22-0008. This plan amendment has a requested effective date of March 11, 2021, and was submitted in order to ensure the coverage of and reimbursement for Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (Act), for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. §430.20 that the state submit SPAs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the final day of the quarter, to obtain a SPA effective date during the quarter, enabling SPAs submitted after the last day of the quarter to have an effective date in a previous quarter, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency.

The State of Delaware requested a waiver to modify the public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is modifying public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Public notice for SPAs is required under 42 C.F.R. §447.205 for changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates, 42 C.F.R. §447.57 for changes to premiums and cost sharing, and 42 C.F.R. §440.386 for changes to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs). Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is approving the state's request to modify these notice requirements otherwise applicable to SPA submissions.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Delaware's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0008 is approved effective March 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Talbatha Myatt at 215-861-4259 or via email at Talbatha.Myatt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Courtney L.
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Courtney Miller
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 2</u> — <u>0 0 0 8</u>	2. STATE <u>DE</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
March 11, 2021

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Title XIX 1905 (a)(4)(E) *Section 1135 SSA, Title 19 of the Social Secu*

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2022 \$ 230,000
b. FFY 2023 \$ 151,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 7.7 A Page 1
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

COVID - 19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. S [REDACTED] AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Stephen M. Groff

13. TITLE
Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
October 13, 2022

15. RETURN TO

Stephen M. Groff, Director, DMMA
P.O. Box 906
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16. DATE RECEIVED
10/12/2022

17. DATE APPROVED
03/03/2021

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
03/11/2021

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
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20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Courtney Miller On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

22. REMARKS

10/31/22 State requested a pen and ink change to Box 5- statute/regulation citation to reflect Title XIX 1905 (a)(4)(E)

Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

Coverage

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.¹

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

Medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling is provided to individuals of all ages, including adults ages 21 and over.

¹ The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

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Reimbursement

The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- Medicare national average, OR
 Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

FQHCs, School Based Wellness Centers

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X The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

COVID-19 vaccine administration qualifies as an FQHC “visit” and is eligible for the Prospective Payment System (PPS) encounter rate. An FQHC visit that includes a medical component and a COVID-19 vaccination is reimbursed as a single visit, eligible for a single PPS encounter rate.

COVID-19 vaccine administration qualifies as a SBWC “visit” and is eligible for the applicable visit rate. A SBWC visit that includes a medical component and a COVID-19 vaccination is reimbursed as a single visit, eligible for a single visit rate.

X The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

X The state’s rate is as follows and the state’s fee schedule is published in the following location:

As of April 1, 2021, COVID-19 Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling for individuals over 21 will be reimbursed in the following way, using the following codes:

- G0310 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99401*
- G0311 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99402*

As of April 1, 2021, COVID-19 Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling for individuals ages 0-20 will be reimbursed in the following way, using the following codes:

- G0314 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99402*
- G0315 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99401*

*99401 & 99402 are reimbursed at 98% of the Medicare Rates. Once Medicare determines and publishes rates for G0310, G0311, G0314, and G0315, these codes will be reimbursed at 98% of the Medicare Rates.

The Physician Fee Schedule can be found on the DMAP provider portal here: [Download \(delaware.gov\)](https://delaware.gov)

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