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601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
CENTER FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES

Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 28, 2025

Brian Meyer
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #8
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Florida State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0011

Dear Deputy Secretary Meyer:

Enclosed please find a corrected approval package for your Florida State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 24-0011. This SPA updates Florida's home health benefit to include Family Home Health Aide services. The enhancement allows home health agencies to receive reimbursement for services provided by an eligible provider relative caring for a medically fragile child, was originally approved on October 15, 2025. The approval package sent to Florida included the following errors:

- The incorrect version of Attachment 3.1-A, Page 11 was included in the original approval package.

The enclosed corrected package contains the original signed letter, the approved Form CMS-179, and the corrected SPA pages to be incorporated into the Florida State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Kia Carter-Anderson at (404) 562-7431 or via email at Kia.Carter-Anderson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Nicole McKnight
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

Enclosures

cc: Shanise Jackson

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Dear Deputy Secretary Meyer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 24-0011. This amendment updates Florida's home health benefit to include Family Home Health Aide services. The enhancement allows home health agencies to receive reimbursement for services provided by an eligible provider relative caring for a medically fragile child.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulation 42 CFR 440.70. This letter informs you that Florida's Medicaid SPA TN 24-0011 was approved on October 15, 2025, effective October 1, 2024.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Florida State Plan.

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Sincerely,

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On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

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cc: Shanise Jackson

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 24-0011

2. STATE: FL

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
October 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 440.70

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 202425 $ 0
b. FFY 2025-26 $ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1-A page 11, 11b, 11c 25a, 28, 28a Attachment
3.1-B page ~~11~~, 11a, 11b, 11c, 28a, 29, 29a
~~Attachment 4.19-B page 32~~

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Attachment 3.1-A page 11, 11b, 28, 28a
Attachment 3.1B page ~~11~~, 11a, 11b, 29, 29a
Attachment ~~4.19-B page 32~~

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Home Health Services

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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL
[redacted]

12. TYPED NAME
Brian Meyer

13. TITLE
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

14. DATE SUBMITTED
11-26-24

15. RETURN TO
Mr. Brian Meyer

Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #8
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Attention: Shanise Jackson

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16. DATE RECEIVED
11/26/2024

17. DATE APPROVED
10/15/2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
10/01/2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
[redacted]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

22. REMARKS

On 9/23/25, state authorized Pen & Ink changes, striking Attachment 4.19-B, page 32 from Box #7 and Box #8. On 9/25/25, the state authorized Pen & Ink changes to Box #7, adding Attachment 3.1-A, page 11a, 25a, and striking 11c. And adding Attachment 3.1-B, page 28a, striking 11c. In Box #8, the state authorizes adding Attachment 3.1-A, page 11a. On 10/10/25, the state authorized Pen & Ink changes to Box #7, adding page 11c to 3.1-A and 3.1-B, and striking page 11 from 3.1-B. And in Box #8, striking page 11 from Attachment 3.1-B.

Instructions on Back

Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of Individuals Under 21 Years of Age and Treatment of Conditions Found

Home Health Nursing Visits

(7a) Description

Home health nursing services provide care to recipients whose medical conditions, illness, or injury require the care to be delivered in the recipient's place of residence or other community setting. Home health nursing services are provided in accordance with Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations 440.70.

Who Can Receive

Home health nursing services are available to recipients under the age of 21 years who require medically necessary home health visit services.

Who Can Provide

Home Health Nursing services are provided by either:

- Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses who are employed by a home health agency licensed in accordance with state law.
- A registered nurse (RN) licensed and working within the scope of their practice in accordance with state law.

Allowable Benefits

Florida Medicaid reimburses for up to four intermittent home health visits, per day, when prior authorized by the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) or its designee.

The four-visit limit is a combined daily limit for both home health nursing and home health aide services.

In accordance with section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act, codified in Title 42 of the United States Code 1396d(a), services that exceed coverage may be approved, if determined medically necessary when prior authorized by the Agency or its designee.

Exclusions

Florida Medicaid does not reimburse for the following:

- Services furnished by related providers, caretaker relatives, household members, or any person with custodial or legal responsibility for the recipient
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Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of Individuals Under 21 Years of Age and Treatment of Conditions Found

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(7) Home Health Services

Medically necessary home health services are covered when there is an order for home health services and the recipient is under the care of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.

For the initiation of home health services, a face-to-face encounter related to the primary reason the client requires home health services must occur not more than ninety (90) days before or thirty (30) days after the start of services. The face-to-face encounter must be conducted by a physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife or physician assistant. The face-to-face encounter must be related to the primary reason the beneficiary requires the home health service.

Florida allows all eligible providers to enroll as Home Health Agencies, to ensure freedom of choice of providers in accordance with 42 CFR 440.70.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for Home Health Services

Florida became compliant with the Electronic Visit Verification System (EVV) requirements for home health services on 2/15/23, in accordance with section 12006 of the 21st Century CURES Act.

Other Medical Care or Remedial Care Provided by Other Practitioners:

(6d) AIDE TO MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN–Aides to Medically Fragile Children are authorized to perform services within their scope of practice in accordance with State Law. Aides to Medically Fragile Children must be employed by an agency licensed in accordance with state law and supervised by a licensed Registered Nurse working within the scope of their practice, in accordance with state law.

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- Up to four intermittent home health visits, per day, for pregnant recipients
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The three and four visit limits are a combined limit for both home health nursing and home health aide services.

Service limitations for Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of Individuals Under 21 Years of Age and Treatment of Conditions (EPSDT) recipients are listed in the EPSDT section.

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Florida Medicaid does not reimburse for the following:

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