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State/Territory Name: Louisiana

State Plan Amendment (SPA) LA: 22-0002

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

1) Approval Letter
2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form (with 179-like data)
3) Approved SPA Pages
Dear Tara LeBlanc:

We have reviewed the proposed Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B pages under LA-22-0002, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 28, 2022. The purpose of this SPA is to amend provisions governing reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in order to establish an alternative payment methodology which would allow reimbursement outside of the current Prospective Payment System rate for community health worker services provided in FQHCs and RHCs.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 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 Monica Neiman at (945) 35-1231 or via email at: Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

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

4. **PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**
January 1, 2022

5. **FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION**
- 42 CFR 447.201
- 42 CFR 440.60
- Section 1902 (bb) of the Social Security Act
- Section 1905 (a)(6) of the Social Security Act

6. **FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)**
   - a. FFY 2022 $ 308,068
   - b. FFY 2023 $ 579,635

7. **PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT**
   - Attachment 4.19-B, Item 2.b., Page 3a
   - Attachment 4.19-B, Item 2.c., Page 4a
   - Attachment 4.19-B, Item 2.c., Page 5 (None-New Page)

9. **SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT**
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11. **SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL**

12. **TYPED NAME**
Ruth Johnson, designee for Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

13. **TITLE**
Secretary

14. **DATE SUBMITTED**
February 28, 2022

15. **RETURN TO**
Patrick Gillies, Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

16. **DATE RECEIVED**
2/28/2022

17. **DATE APPROVED**
June 28, 2022

18. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL**
1/1/2022

19. **SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL**

20. **TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL**
Todd McMillion

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

22. **REMARKS**
The State requests a pen and ink change to boxes 5, 7 and 8.

*Instructions on Back*
Community Health Worker Services

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, Medicaid community health worker services provided by a RHC shall be reimbursed through an alternative payment methodology when these services are provided on the same date as a medical/dental/behavioral health visit. Community health workers are unlicensed providers that render preventive and other health services to beneficiaries. The APM will pay RHCs an add-on amount, equivalent to the fee schedule rate for the community health worker service, in addition to the PPS. The fee schedule rate for community health worker services is located at Provider Based Rural Health Clinics (PB-RHCs) Rates (Provider Type 79) https://www.lamedicaid.com.

The APM must be agreed to by the Department and the RHC, and must result in payment to the RHC which is at least the PPS rate on file for the date of service.
PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES -- OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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The APM must be agreed to by the Department and the FQHC, and must result in payment to the FQHC which is at least the PPS rate on file for the date of service.