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**State/Territory Name: Massachusetts**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0005**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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August 17, 2022

MaryLou Sudders, Secretary  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
Office of Medicaid  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0005

Dear Secretary Sudders:

We reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0005. This amendment updates the state plan to add coverage for urgent care clinics.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR Part 440 and 447. This letter is to inform you that Massachusetts Medicaid SPA 22-0005, was approved on August 16, 2022, with an effective date of January 21, 2022. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Massachusetts State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie DiMartino at (617) 565-9157 or via email at [Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
2 2 - 0 0 0 5

2. STATE  
MA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
01/21/2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
42 CFR Part 447, 42 CFR 440

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a FFY 22 \$ 125,000  
b FFY 23 \$ 180,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A p. 3-ix1 (NEW)  
Supplement to Attachment 3.1-B p. 3-ix1 (NEW)  
Attachment 4.19-B p. 1a13 (NEW)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
  
An amendment regarding urgent care clinic 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:  
Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  


12. TYPED NAME  
Marylou Sudders

13. TITLE  
Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
03/31/22

15. RETURN TO  
  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Office of Medicaid  
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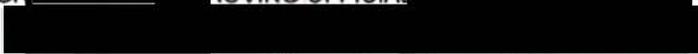
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16. DATE RECEIVED  
03/31/2022

17. DATE APPROVED  
08/16/2022

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
01/21/2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  


20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director  
Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act  
State: Massachusetts  
Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical  
and Remedial Care and Services Provided to the Categorically Needy

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(Item 9 Clinic Services, continued)

**I. Urgent Care clinic**

MassHealth covers urgent care services rendered in urgent care clinics. "Urgent Care" is the delivery of episodic care for the diagnosis, treatment, management or monitoring of acute and chronic disease or injury that is:

- (1) for the treatment of illness or injury that is immediate in nature, but does not require emergency services;
- (2) generally provided on a walk-in basis without prior appointment; and
- (3) available to the general public; and not intended as the patient's primary care provider.

When an urgent care clinic provides covered X-rays, laboratory tests, or diagnostic tests to a member in the urgent care clinic during an urgent care visit, MassHealth will cover those X-rays, laboratory tests, or diagnostic tests in addition to the urgent care visit.

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State: Massachusetts  
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

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(Item h. Clinic Services, continued)

13. Urgent Care Clinic services - See Attachment 4.19-B, sections 8.b and 8.d for the fee-for-service rates for Urgent Care Clinic services. These sections of Attachment 4.19-B are reimbursement methodologies for laboratory and x-ray services, and physician, certified nurse-midwife, certified pediatric and family nurse practitioner, and other midlevel practitioner services, respectively.