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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.

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**

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)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

   03/31/2022

15. RETURN TO

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

16. DATE RECEIVED

   03/31/2022

17. DATE APPROVED

   08/16/2022

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

Instructions on Back
(Item 9 Clinic Services, continued)

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   (1) for the treatment of illness or injury that is immediate in nature, but does not require emergency services;

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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.