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February 26, 2024

Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid One Ashburton Place, Room 1109 Boston, Massachusetts 02108

RE: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0063

Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of Massachusetts's state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 29, 2023. This plan amendment updates the methods and standards used to determine the rates of Hearing Services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of November 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Debi Benson at 1-312-886-0360 or <u>Deborah.Benson@cms.hhs.gov.</u>

Sincerely, *Todd McMillion* Todd McMillion Director Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

| TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES | <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>NI</u> <u>A</u> 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT |
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| TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | 4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 11/01/2023 |
| 5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION | 6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 24 \$ 114,000 |
| 42 CFR Part 447 | b. FFY_25\$_124,000 |
| 7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B page 1a-i | 8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) Attachment 4.19-B page 1a-i |
| 9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT An amendment to the payment methodologies for hearing 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 | 15. RETURN TO |
| 12. TYPED NAME Mike Levine 13. TITLE Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 14. DATE SUBMITTED 12/29/2023 | The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid One Ashburton Place, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02108 |
| FOR CMS USE ONLY | |
| 16. DATE RECEIVED December 29, 2023 | 17. DATE APPROVED February 26, 2024 |
| PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED | |
| 18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL November 1, 2023 | 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

e. Medical or other type of remedial care recognized under the laws of the Commonwealth furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by the laws of the Commonwealth:

1. Audiological Services, including Hearing Instrument Specialist Services

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after November 1. 2023. All rates are published on <u>https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-32300-hearing-services</u>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.