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State Territory Name: MASSACHUSETTS

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 24-0041

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

March 21, 2025

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

RE: TN 24-0041

Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Massachusetts state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B 24-0041, which was submitted to CMS on December 30, 2024. This plan amendment updates rates for Mental Health Centers.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of November 7, 2024. 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 Debi Benson at 312-886-0360 or via email at Deborah.Benson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 4 — 0 0 4 1</u>	2. STATE <u>MA</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 11/7/2024
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5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR Part 440	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>25</u> <u>\$ 669,000</u> b. FFY <u>26</u> <u>\$ 669,000</u>
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7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B page 1a9 - 1a9i (NEW)	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B page 1a9
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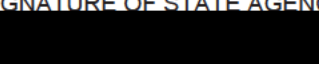
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment to update the payment methodologies for mental health centers

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

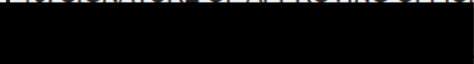
OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid One Ashburton Place, Room 1109 Boston, MA 02108
12. TYPED NAME Mike Levine	
13. TITLE Assistant Secretary for MassHealth	
14. DATE SUBMITTED 12/31/2024	

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16. DATE RECEIVED December 30, 2024	17. DATE APPROVED March 21, 2025
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL November 7, 2024	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Todd McMillion	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

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State: Massachusetts
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(Item h. Clinic Services, continued)

9. Mental Health Centers

The fee-for-service rates are effective for service provided on or after January 1, 2023. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-30600-rates-for-mental-health-services-provided-in-community-health-centers-and-mental-health-centers>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

Effective November 7, 2024, mental health center providers that fall into one of the defined Supplemental Payment Groups described below will be eligible for a supplemental payment, subject to EOHHS reporting requirements. The aggregate amount of funding available for these supplemental payments is \$16.9 million. This supplemental payment will expire by its own terms upon the expenditure of all funds as described below. Supplemental payments will be made by June 30, 2025 and will be determined using the following methodology:

- (1) **Eligibility.** Supplemental payments for mental health centers will be made by establishing Group A, Group B, and Group C supplemental payments with three separate eligibility criteria:
 - a. Group A will consist of the mental health centers affiliated with the thirty (30) provider organizations with the highest unduplicated member count served in Calendar Year 2023, as determined by EOHHS.
 - b. Group B will consist of the mental health centers affiliated with an organization that receives a threshold composite score of two (2) points out of a maximum of eight (8) points. The composite score will be determined from points awarded to organizations as follows: Operation of the only mental health center within that geographic area (3 points); Operation of a mental health center designated as a behavioral health urgent care center (2 points); Operation of a mental health center within the geographic areas with the greatest utilization of emergency department services (1 point) and/or behavioral health inpatient services (1 point); and registration in the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Program Directory of Certified business prior to June 1, 2024 (1 point).
 - c. Group C will consist of the mental health centers affiliated with an organization that provided outpatient behavioral health services to at least 950 unduplicated members during Calendar Year 2023, as determined by EOHHS, that further receive a threshold composite score of one (1) point out of a maximum of eight (8) points. The composite score will be determined from points awarded to organizations as follows: Operation of the only mental health center within that geographic area (3 points); Operation of a mental health center designated as a behavioral health urgent care center (2 points); Operation of a mental health center within the geographic areas with the greatest utilization of emergency department services (1 point) and/or behavioral health inpatient services (1 point); and registration in the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Program Directory of Certified business prior to June 1, 2024 (1 point).

Eligible mental health centers may only receive payment under Group A, Group B, or Group C. If an eligible mental health center receives Group A, Group B, or Group C funding, no other mental health center associated with the organization of providers under the same tax identification number may receive a supplemental payment.

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- (2) **Group A Supplemental Payments.** Supplemental payments to Group A mental health centers will equal a total aggregate amount of \$7.8 million. Each Group A mental health center will receive a minimum of \$120,000 with the remainder of funding distributed according to calculation by EOHHS across the eligible Group A mental health centers based proportionally on the number of unduplicated members who received behavioral health outpatient services during calendar year 2023.
- (3) **Group B Supplemental Payments.** Supplemental payments to Group B mental health centers will equal a total aggregate amount of \$7.8 million. Each Group B mental health center will receive a minimum of \$120,000, with the remainder of funding distributed according to calculation by EOHHS across the eligible Group B mental health centers based proportionally on the number of unduplicated members who received behavioral health outpatient services during calendar year 2023.
- (4) **Group C Supplemental Payments.** Supplemental payments to Group C mental health centers will equal a total aggregate amount of \$1.3 million. Each Group C mental health center will receive a minimum of \$120,000 with the remainder of funding distributed according to calculation by EOHHS across the eligible Group C mental health centers based proportionally on the number of unduplicated members who received behavioral health outpatient services during calendar year 2023.