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State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-25-0016

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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

September 12, 2025

Mike Levine
Assistant Secretary Executive Office of Human and Health Services
MassHealth
One Ashburton Place
Room 1109
Boston, MA 2108

RE: TN MA-25-0016

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 MA-25-0016, which was submitted to CMS on June 27th, 2025. The purpose of this plan amendment is to increase rates for psychologists.

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 April 25th, 2025. 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 Robert Bromwell at 410-786-5914 or via email at robert.bromwell@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of 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**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 1 6

2. STATE

M A3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACTTO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

04/25/2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR Part 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 25 \$ 7,000
b. FFY 26 \$ 17,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 1a-iv

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19-B page 1-iv

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment to the payment methodologies for independent psychologist and licensed independent
behavioral health clinician services

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

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COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

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NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

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OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Mike Levine

13. TITLE

Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

14. DATE SUBMITTED

06/27/2025

15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 10th floor
Boston, MA 02108**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

6/27/2025

17. DATE APPROVED

September 12, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

April 25, 2025

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

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State: Massachusetts
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

- 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:

- 4. Psychologist and Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician (Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist) Services

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after April 25, 2025. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-32900-rates-for-psychological-and-licensed-independent-behavioral-health-clinician-services>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.