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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: **23-0004**

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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

June 22, 2023

Tricia Roddy
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston St., 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD, 21201

Re: Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0004

Dear Ms. Roddy:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0004. This amendment proposes to reimburse for community violence prevention services. Coverage will be extending to this service at a fee-for-service rate of \$32.76 per 30-minute increments up to a maximum of 100 increments in a rolling 12-month period.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR 447.256. This letter is to inform you that Maryland Medicaid SPA 23-0004 was approved on June 16, 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Talbatha Myatt at 215-861-4259 or via email at Talbatha.Myatt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 3 — 0 0 0 4

2. STATE

MD

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447.256

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2023 \$ 682,677
b. FFY 2024 \$ 2,048,033

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1A Pages 29C-43 (23-0004)
Attachment 3.1A Page 29C-44 (23-0004)
Attachment 4.19B Page 4B (23-0004)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

NEW

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The Maryland Department of Health shall reimburse for community violence prevention services. Coverage will be extending to this service at a fee-for-service rate of \$32.76 per 30 minute increments up to a maximum of 100 increments in a rolling 12-month period.

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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Tricia Roddy

13. TITLE
Acting Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
3.22.23

15. RETURN TO

Tricia Roddy
Acting Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston St., 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

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16. DATE RECEIVED
03/29/2023

17. DATE APPROVED
06/16/2023

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
07/01/2023

19. SIG

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

6-23-23-State requested pen and ink change to add add Attachment 3.1A Page 44 (23-0004) to Box 7.

13. Other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan. Preventive Services

Prevention Services

C. Community Violence Prevention Services

General Description:

Community violence prevention services are provided by a certified violence prevention professional to a Medicaid participant who has been exposed to community violence or has received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence. The service is designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, avoid future community violence, prolong life, and promote the participant's health. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.130(c), these services are recommended by a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law.

Covered Services:

The Program shall cover evidence-based, trauma-informed community violence prevention services rendered by certified violence prevention professionals to participants who have been exposed to community violence or received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence.

Covered services include: mentorship, conflict mediation, crisis intervention, referrals to certified or licensed health care professionals or social services providers, patient education, and screening services to victims of violence.

Qualified Provider Specifications:

1. A certified violence prevention professional shall be certified by Health Alliance for Violence Interventions or another certifying body as approved by the Department; such requirements must include at least thirty-five hours of initial training that address the following: (I) the effects and basics of trauma-informed care; (II) community violence prevention strategies, include conflict mediation and retaliation prevention related to community violence; (III) case management and advocacy practices; and, (IV) patient privacy and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and at least six hours of continuing education every two years; and
2. The provider that renders community violence prevention services shall:
 - a. Maintain an affiliation with at least one of the following institutions through which the provider entity is authorized to provide community violence prevention services to Medicaid members in the hospital.
 1. As determined by MIEMMS, Maryland hospitals must have one of the following designations:
 - a. Primary Care Resource Center (PARC)
 - b. Level 1 Trauma Center
 - c. Level II Trauma Center; or,
 - d. Pediatric Trauma Center.
 2. Hospitals not located in Maryland Must have one of the following designations, as defined by the American College of Surgeons:

- a. Level I Trauma Center;
 - b. Level II Trauma Center; or,
 - c. Pediatric Trauma Center.
- b. Maintain documentation that the certified violence prevention professionals rendering services on their behalf have met the requirements of this section; and
- c. Ensure that the VP(s) are providing community violence prevention services in compliance with any applicable standard of care, rule, regulation, and state or federal law.

Reimbursement for Preventive Services: Community Violence Prevention Services

General Description:

Community violence prevention services are delivered by a certified violence prevention professional. Medicaid participants who have been exposed to community violence or received treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence are eligible for these services. Community violence prevention services are designed to promote improved health outcomes and prevent further violence. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.130(c), these services are recommended by a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law and are designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, prevent future community violence, prolong life, and promote the physical and mental health of the individual.

The Program covers up to 100 units of community violence prevention services rendered to an eligible participant in a rolling 12 month period. Payments shall be made in 30-minute units of service.

All VP providers are reimbursed pursuant to the same CPT codes and minimum rates found in the Maryland Provider fee schedule. A link to the published fee schedule can be found by going to the "Billing Guidance, Fee Schedules, and Preauthorization Information" section of Maryland Medicaid Provider Information page at health.maryland.gov/providerinfo and selecting the "Professional Services Fee Schedule" for the most recent year.

Limitations:

Community violence prevention services are subject to the following limitations:

1. Maryland Medicaid does not cover:
 - a. Administrative overhead and ongoing certification or training; or
 - b. Services that are not medically necessary.