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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 25-0014

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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

December 19, 2025

Perrie Briskin, MBA, MPH
Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston Street, 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 25-0014

Dear Medicaid Director Briskin:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0014. This amendment proposes to lower the threshold for environmental lead investigations from a confirmed elevated blood lead level (EBLL) of 5 µg/dL to 3.5 µg/dL.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter informs you that Maryland's Medicaid SPA TN 25-0014 was approved on December 19, effective July 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Maryland State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Guess at (872) 287-1397, or via email at Nicole.Guess@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Wendy E. Hill Petras.

Wendy E. Hill Petras, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 1 4

2. STATE

MD3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447.201

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025 \$ 0b. FFY 2026 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1A Pg. 29C -A

Attachment 4.19-B Pg. 4

8. PAGENUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION

OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 3.1A Pg. 29C-A (19-0006)

Attachment 4.19-B Pg. 4 (19-0006)

Attachment 4.19-B Pg. 4a (19-0006)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

This amendment is for the purpose of lowering the threshold for environmental lead investigations from a confirmed elevated blood lead level (EBLL) of 5 µg/dL to 3.5 µg/dL, the current Maryland elevated blood lead level, or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) blood lead reference level (BLRV); whichever is lower.

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:

12. TYPED NAME
Perrie Briskin, MBA, MPH13. TITLE
Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director14. DATE SUBMITTED
9/30/2025

15. RETURN TO

Perrie Briskin, MBA, MPH
Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston St., 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201**FOR CMS USE ONLY**16. DATE RECEIVED
09/30/202517. DATE APPROVED
12/19/2025**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
07/01/2025

19.

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Wendy E. Hill Petras21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Box 8 State authorized pen and ink change on 12/19/2025.

STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE OF MARYLAND

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

C. Diagnostic Services Environmental Lead Investigations

Provider Requirements:

A Lead Paint Risk Assessor shall have:

- A. Been an accredited Lead Paint Inspector Technician for at least 1 year; and
- B. Satisfied one of the following:
 - a. Conducted at least 20 lead-based paint inspections at separate residential units, public buildings, or commercial properties; or
 - b. Conducted at least five lead-based paint inspections under COMAR 26.16.05.09 and .10 and 15 lead dust inspections from at least 15 separate residential units, public buildings, or commercial properties.
- C. Successfully completed the Lead Paint Risk Assessor training, with at least 14 hours of instruction for the initial course, covering the following topics:
 - a. Epidemiology of lead exposures;
 - b. Lead toxicity;
 - c. Potential relationships between observed conditions and lead exposures;
 - d. Lead paint disclosure requirements for real estate transactions;
 - e. In-place management of lead paint;
 - f. Remodeling and modernization; and
 - g. Sampling for other sources of lead exposure found in soil and drinking water.
- D. Received, as proof of training and accreditation, an identification card and a certificate indicating an expiration date which is 24 months following the accreditation date.
- E. If applicable, applied for renewal of accreditation before the expiration date and successfully completed a Lead Paint Risk Assessor review course of at least 7 hours of instruction, covering topics included in the initial course, with specific emphasis on new requirements and procedures.

Covered Services:

- A. The service includes on-site lead investigations for a housing unit designated as a child's home or primary residence.
- B. The service is limited to Medicaid enrollees under age 21 with a documented elevated blood lead level at or above 3.5 µg/dL, The current Maryland elevated blood lead level, or CDC blood lead reference level; whichever is lower
- C. Medicaid Coverage is not available for any testing of substances (water, paint, etc.) which are sent to a laboratory for analysis due to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations, or for other lead abatement activities, items, materials, or devices.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

1. Effective July 1, 2025, the service is covered using the service procedure code T1029 — on-site environmental lead inspection, per dwelling — at a rate of \$418.49. This rate is published on the Maryland Department of Health website at:

health.maryland.gov/providerinfo

1. Payment is limited to providers that are Lead Risk Assessors accredited by the Maryland Department of the Environment.
2. The Department will conduct post-payment audits to ensure that providers are not paid for testing environmental substances such as water or soil and pays:

Only when the child in the dwelling has a documented elevated blood lead level at or above 3.5 µg/dL, the current Maryland elevated blood lead level, or CDC blood lead reference level; whichever is lower.