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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0021**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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February 15, 2023

Mr. Todd Richardson  
Director  
MO HealthNet Division  
Missouri Department of Social Services  
P.O. Box 6500  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500

Re: Missouri State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0021

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0021. This amendment proposes to add the new mandatory benefit related to coverage of COVID-19 tests without cost-sharing to the Medicaid state plan.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (Act), for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. §430.20 that the state submit SPAs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the final day of the quarter, to obtain a SPA effective date during the quarter, enabling SPAs submitted after the last day of the quarter to have an effective date in a previous quarter, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency.

The State of Missouri also requested a waiver to modify the public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is modifying public notice requirements applicable to the SPA submission process. Public notice for SPAs is required under 42 C.F.R. §447.205 for changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates, 42 C.F.R. §447.57 for changes to premiums and cost sharing, and 42 C.F.R. §440.386 for changes to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs). Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is approving the state's request to modify these notice requirements otherwise applicable to SPA submissions.

The State of Missouri also requested a waiver to modify the tribal consultation timeline applicable to this SPA submission process. Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is also allowing states to modify the timeframes associated with tribal consultation required under section 1902(a)(73) of the Act, including shortening the number of days before submission or conducting consultation after submission of the SPA.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Missouri's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0021 is approved effective March 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Michala Walker at 816-426-6503 or via email at [Michala.walker@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Michala.walker@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

**Alissa M.  
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Alissa Mooney DeBoy  
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> <b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2 2 - 0 0 2 1	2. STATE MO
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE March 11, 2021	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 440.13(e) American Rescue Plan Act; 1905(a)(4)(E) and (F) of the Social Security Act		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 2022 \$ 0 b. FFY 2023 \$ 0	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 7.7-B pages 1-3		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) New Material	
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT This State Plan Amendment assures coverage of COVID-19 testing consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19. The services are currently covered under a disaster relief SPA.			
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) <input checked="" type="radio"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="radio"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="radio"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED.			
11. BY OFFICIAL [Redacted] Robert J. Knodell		15. RETURN TO MO HealthNet Division P.O. Box 6500 Jefferson City, MO 65102	
13. TITLE Acting Director			
14. DATE SUBMITTED 11-28-2022 11/17/22			
FOR CMS USE ONLY			
16. DATE RECEIVED November 17, 2022		17. DATE APPROVED February 15, 2023	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL March 11, 2021		19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa Mooney DeBoy -S Date: 2023.02.15 08:49:33 -05'00'	
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa Mooney DeBoy		21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director, CMCS	
22. REMARKS Boxes 5 and 14: State authorized pen and ink changes on 02/09/2023			

**COVID-19 Testing at section 1905(a)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act**

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

**Coverage**

X The state assures coverage of COVID-19 testing consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19.

X The state assures that such coverage:

1. Includes all types of FDA authorized COVID-19 tests;
2. Is provided to all categorically needy eligibility groups covered by the state that receive full Medicaid benefits;
3. Is provided to the optional COVID-19 group if applicable; and
4. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(I) and 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xiii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Please describe any limits on amount, duration or scope of COVID-19 testing consistent with 42 CFR 440.230(b).

X Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing, or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(B) of the Act.

X The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration.

Additional Information (Optional):

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**Reimbursement**

The state assures that it has established state plan rates for COVID-19 testing consistent with the CDC definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19.

List references to Medicaid state plan payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 testing for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

DR SPA 20-0026, Section 7.4, Page 134

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 testing pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(F) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 testing are consistent with Medicare rates for testing, including any future Medicare updates at the:

Medicare national average, OR

Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 testing pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(F) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location:

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<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/cptagree.htm>.

The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

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\_\_\_\_ The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 testing is described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

*Additional Information (Optional):*

\_\_\_\_ The payment methodologies for COVID-19 testing for providers listed above are described below:

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