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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Financial Management Group

August 31, 2021

Mr. Drew Snyder, Executive Director
Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Attention: Margaret Wilson
550 High Street, Suite 1000
Jackson, MS 39201-1399

RE: Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0041

Dear Mr. Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA), which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 30, 2021. This plan amendment will allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to 1) set the fees for vaccines and vaccine administration the same as those effective for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, 2) to include language regarding the reimbursement for administration of Vaccine For Children (VFC) vaccines, and 3) remove the five percent (5%) reimbursement reduction effective July 1, 2021, to be in compliance with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, amended by MS Senate Bill 2799, effective July 1, 2021.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Moe Wolf at 410-786-9291 or Moshe.Wolf@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**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
21-0041

2. STATE
MS

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:
**TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
(MEDICAID)**

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2021

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
42 C.F.R. § 447.201

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
FFY 2021: \$0.00
FFY 2022: \$0.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 13c

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 13c

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0041 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to 1) set the fees for vaccines and vaccine administration the same as those effective for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, 2) to include language regarding the reimbursement for administration of Vaccine For Children (VFC) vaccines, and 3) remove the five percent (5%) reimbursement reduction effective July 1, 2021, to be in compliance with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, amended by MS Senate Bill 2799, effective July 1, 2021.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

13. TYPED NAME: **Drew L. Snyder**

14. TITLE: **Executive Director**

15. DATE SUBMITTED: **JUN 30 2021**

16. RETURN TO:

**Drew L. Snyder
Miss. Division of Medicaid
Attn: Margaret Wilson
550 High Street, Suite 1000
Jackson, MS 39201-1399**

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17. DATE RECEIVED: **June 30, 2021**

18. DATE APPROVED: **August 31, 2021**

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
July 1, 2021

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME: **Todd McMillion**

22. TITLE: **Director, Division of Reimbursement Review**

23. REMARKS:

State of Mississippi

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER TYPES OF CARE

13c. Preventive Services:

The Division of Medicaid reimburses for vaccines and vaccine administration the lower of the provider's usual and customary charge or the below Effective as of July 1, 2021 all rates and/or fees for services will remain the same as those effective for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021.

Vaccine Ingredient Cost:

The federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines free of charge to VFC enrolled providers. The Division of Medicaid does not reimburse for the cost of vaccines supplied through the VFC program.

Vaccines not covered through the VFC program are reimbursed:

1. In the pharmacy setting, at the actual acquisition cost (AAC) of the vaccine and are listed on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#>. Effective July 1, 2021, the AAC is defined as the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) plus 0% in effect on July 1, 2021, with no updates, for any claim type.
2. In the office setting, according to Attachment 4.19B, page 12a.3.

Vaccine administration for VFC vaccines is the lower of the HHS regional maximum fee or the Mississippi Medicaid physician fee schedule as follows:

1. Physicians and non-physician practitioners as outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, page 5a.
2. Pharmacy providers are reimbursed the same fee as non-physician practitioner that has attested as a primary care physician (PCP).
3. To receive reimbursement for vaccine administration to a VFC-eligible beneficiary, a physician, non-physician practitioner, or pharmacy provider or must also be enrolled as a VFC provider.

Vaccine administration for non-VFC vaccines:

1. For a pharmacist employed by a Mississippi Medicaid pharmacy provider and non-physician practitioner that has attested as a primary care physician (PCP) are located in Attachment 4.19-B, page 5a.
2. For a physician is located on the physician fee schedule at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/>.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rate was set as of September 1, 2020, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#.