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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
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Financial Management Group

October 25, 2023

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 23-0021

Dear Executive Director Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0021, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) September 20, 2023. This SPA allows the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to increase the reimbursement rates for certain mental health services by 15.8% with half of the increase implemented in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and the second half of the increase implemented in SFY 2025. Rates are effective for services provided on or after July 1 for each year.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.


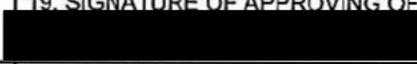
If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Monica Neiman via email at monica.neiman@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,



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 <u>2 3 - 0 0 2 1</u>	2. STATE <u>MS</u>
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 C.F.R. §§ 440.130 Sec. 1102 of the Social Security Act 1905(a)(13)		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2023	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B, Page 13		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>23</u> \$ <u>69,038</u> b. FFY <u>24</u> \$ <u>342,565</u>	
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0021 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to increase the reimbursement rates for certain mental health services by 15.8% with half of the increase implemented in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and the second half of the increase implemented in SFY 2025. Rates are effective for services provided on or after July 1 for each year.		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B, Page 13 Supersedes: TN: 22-0012	
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 type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:			
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 		15. RETURN TO Drew L. Snyder Miss. Division of Medicaid Attn: Robin Bradshaw 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201-1399	
12. TYPED NAME Drew L. Snyder		13. TITLE Executive Director	
14. DATE SUBMITTED SEP 20 2023		FOR CMS USE ONLY	
16. DATE RECEIVED September 20, 2023		17. DATE APPROVED October 25, 2023	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL July 1, 2023		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 Pen and Ink change approved by the state of Mississippi and processed by CMS on the following 179 fields: Box 5: 1905(a)(13) Box 8: Supersedes: TN: 22-0012			

State of Mississippi

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

13. Other Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive, and Rehabilitative Services: Mental Health Services described in Attachment 3.1-A, Exhibit 13.d are reimbursed as follows:

Covered services billed using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for psychiatric therapeutic procedures are reimbursed based on ninety percent (90%) of the most recent final Medicare fee schedule published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as of January 1, 2022, effective July 1 and as may be adjusted each July thereafter.

Covered services billed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) are reimbursed according to a statewide uniform fixed fee schedule. In establishing the fee schedule, the Division of Medicaid (DOM) engaged an actuarial firm to establish fees. DOM provided service descriptions and other information for the existing mental health services offered and the proposed new services. The relationships between comparable services for Medicaid programs in other states were examined to develop factors to apply to existing Mississippi fees to calculate the new service group fees with the fees for the existing mental health services. Consideration was given to the service descriptions, required provider credentials and current costs associated with services. Preliminary fees were modified to better reflect the expected provider cost relative to other mental health services. The agency's state developed fee schedule rate is set as of July 1, 2012, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Effective September 1, 2020, Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Team (I-CORT) services will be paid the rate established July 1, 2012, for Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) and Mental Health Assessments by a Non-Physician will be paid ninety percent (90%) of the Medicaid physician rate for a Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation. Effective April 1, 2021, I-CORT will be paid at ninety percent (90%) of the Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) rate.

Reimbursement rates for services billed using HCPCS will be increased by 15.8% with half of the increase implemented in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and the second half of the increase implemented in SFY 2025. Rates are effective for services provided on or after July 1 for each year.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed uniform fixed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of mental health rehabilitative services as described in Attachment 3.1-A, Exhibit 13.d. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/FeeScheduleLists.aspx>.