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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 17, 2024

Drew Gonshorowski, State Medicaid Director Nebraska State Medicaid Agency Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care P.O. Box 95026 Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

Re: Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0027

Dear Director Gonshorowski:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 24-0027. This amendment clarifies coverage of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Nebraska Medicaid SPA 24-0027 was approved on December 13, 2024, with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Porter at 312-353-8310, or via email at Sandra.Porter@CMS.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Matt Ahern

Dawn Kastens Crystal Georgiana

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2. STATE N E
APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	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, 2024
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 410.38 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 2023 \$ \$0 b. FFY 2024 \$ \$0
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Att. 3.1-A, Item 7c, Pg 1	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Att. 3.1-A, Item 7c, Pg 1
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies	
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: Governor has waived review
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL	15. RETURN TO Dawn Kastens Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
12. TYPED NAME Matthew Ahern 13. TITLE	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509
Interim Director, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care	
14. DATE SUBMITTED September 26, 2024	
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	December 13, 2024 ONE COPY ATTACHED
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July 1, 2024	
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott	Director, Division of Program Operations
22. REMARKS	

ATTACHMENT 3.1-A Item 7c, Page 1 Applies to Both Categorically and Medically Needy

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

LIMITATIONS – MEDICAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND APPLIANCES SUITABLE FOR USE IN THE HOME

Nebraska Medicaid covers the purchase or rental of durable medical equipment, medical supplies that meet program guidelines when prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner whose licensure allows prescribing these items. To qualify as a covered service under Nebraska Medicaid, the item must be medically necessary and provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.70.

Nebraska Medicaid does not cover items that primarily serve personal comfort; convenience; or educational, hygienic, safety, or cosmetic functions; or new equipment of unproven value and/or equipment of questionable current usefulness or therapeutic value.

Home health agencies may provide durable medical equipment and oxygen only.

Durable medical equipment and supplies providers shall complete and sign the Medical Assistance Provider Agreement, and submit the completed form to the Department for approval. Providers shall meet any applicable state and federal laws governing the provision of their services. Nebraska Medicaid enrolls, as providers of durable medical equipment, medical supplies, or orthotics, only those providers who are involved in the direct provision of services or items to the client.

Durable medical equipment is equipment which:

- Withstands repeated use;
- 2. Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- 3. Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury; and
- Is appropriate for use in the beneficiary's home. This generally does not include long term care facilities.

For initial order a face-to-face encounter must occur within six months before or 30 days after the durable medical equipment, orthotics, and medical supplies order is written.

Nebraska Medicaid became compliant with the Electronic Visit Verification System (EVV) requirements for home health services on February 1, 2024, in accordance with section 12006 of the 21st Century CURES Act.

TN No. <u>NE 24-0027</u>

Supersedes