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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Financial Management Group

November 19, 2026

Jeremy Brunssen
Interim Director
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: **Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 25-0018**

Dear Interim Director Brunssen:

We have reviewed the proposed Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) NE-25-0018 to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 26, 2025. This plan amendment implements a one-time rate adjustment that increases rates to labor and delivery services, evaluation and management, and all other physician services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2026. 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 Jerica Bennett via 410-786-1167 or jerica.bennett@cms.hhs.gov or LaJoshica (Josh) Smith via 214-767-6453 or lajoshica.smith@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANDHUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 25-0008

2. STATE: NE

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
January 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2026 $ 75,338
b. FFY 2027 $ 102,962

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Att. 4.19-B, Item 5, Pg 1a (new)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Click or tap here to enter text.

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Outpatient Practitioner Provider Reimbursement

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
[redacted]

12. TYPED NAME
Drew Gonshorowski

13. TITLE
Director, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

14. DATE SUBMITTED
June 26, 2025

15. RETURN TO
Dawn Kastens
Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
June 26, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
January 1, 2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
[redacted]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Nebraska Medicaid will implement a one-time rate adjustment that will be applied to physician services effective January 1, 2026. This rate update will be implemented as follows:

1. Increase labor and delivery codes to 135% of Medicare geographically adjusted rates;
2. Increase evaluation and management codes to 120% of Medicare geographically adjust rates;
3. Increase all other services not listed in steps 1-2 by 20%, with the exception of behavioral health, durable medical equipment, hearing aid, injectables, and laboratory codes, compared to rates from the January 1, 2025, Nebraska Medicaid physician fee schedule; and
4. As applicable, increase rates for all services listed in steps 1-3 above by 10% when the service is rendered in a rural county in Nebraska.
    a. All counties, with the exception of Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties are considered rural counties for the purposes of this one-time rural county rate adjustment.