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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 20-0003

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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Mr. Joshua D. Baker
Director
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Dear Mr. Baker:

The CMS Division of Pharmacy team has reviewed South Carolina (SPA) 20-0003 received in the CMS Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group on September 30, 2020. This SPA proposes to allow for up to 12 months of systemic contraceptives to be provided per dispensation, pursuant to a prescription by a healthcare provider.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 20-0003 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2020. We are attaching a copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into South Carolina's state plan.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Lisa Shochet at (410) 786-5445 or lisa.shochet@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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- 12.a PHARMACY SERVICES. The pharmacy benefit provides certain medications to eligible Medicaid recipients, pursuant to, and in compliance with, Section 1927 of the Act.

Prescription/refill quantities are generally limited to a maximum thirty-one (31) day supply per fill. Exceptions to the 31-day supply include: (1) systemic contraceptives and (2) products for which packaging does not allow a 31-day dispensation.

Based on the requirements in Section 1927 of the Act, the state has the following policies for the supplemental rebate program for the Medicaid population:

- (A) CMS has authorized the State of South Carolina to enter into the Michigan multi-state pooling agreement (MMSPA) also referred to as the National Medicaid Pooling Initiative (NMPI). The Amendment to the Supplemental Drug Rebate Agreement was submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on October 1, 2013 and approved for existing agreements with the pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- (B) CMS authorized the Supplemental Drug-Rebate Agreement submitted to CMS on January 12, 2007 for renewal and new agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- (C) Any contracts or agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers not currently approved by CMS will be submitted for CMS approval.

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- 12c. PROSTHETIC OR ORTHOTIC APPLIANCES. Approval from the State Office is required prior to the provision of the prosthetic or orthotic appliance. Supplies, equipment, and appliance limitations are specified in the Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual, and follow Medicare limitations.
- 12d. EYEGLASSES Coverage for eyeglasses will be limited to recipients under 21 years of age when medical necessity has been established. One pair of eyeglasses is available during a 365 day period to beneficiaries eligible under the EPSDT program. Additional lenses can be approved if the prescription changes at least one half diopter (0.50) during the 365 day period.
- 13b. Preventive Services are defined as routine services for adults or children when the procedures are performed in the absence of an illness or complaint(s). Preventative services are subject to certain limitations depending on age, risk factors, and frequency. These best practice recommendations are subject to change as regulations and future clarifications are released by the USPSTF.

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