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April 29, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Stephens
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Health and Human Services Commission
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RE: Texas TN 22-0008

Dear Ms. Stephens:

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#22-0008, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 16, 2022. The proposed amendment updates the physicians’ and other practitioners’ fee schedules. Furthermore, this amendment removes language previously included in error. Paragraph g was removed from Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1a.3, and moved to page 1 by TN 20-0018. The language was included and approved in TN 20-0019 in error.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of March 1, 2022. 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 Monica Neiman at: Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures
The proposed amendment updates the physicians' and other practitioners' fee schedules.
1. Physicians and Other Practitioners (continued)

(f) When a procedure code is nationally discontinued, a replacement procedure code is nationally assigned for the discontinued procedure code, and Medicaid implements the replacement procedure code, and a state plan amendment will not be submitted since the fee for the service has not changed.

(g) All fee schedules are available through the agency’s website, as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

(h) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for services provided by physicians and other practitioners affiliated with tuberculosis clinics or employed by tuberculosis clinics, effective July 1, 2018, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on July 6, 2018.

(i) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for therapy assistants. Effective September 1, 2019, the reimbursement for therapy assistants will equal 80 percent of the payment to a therapist.

(j) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees to include peer specialists effective March 1, 2022. This fee schedule will be posted on the agency’s website on or prior to March 15, 2022.

(k) For dates of service on or after February 1, 2021, the reimbursement for services provided by a licensed assistant behavioral analyst will be reimbursed at 80 percent of the rate paid to a licensed behavior analyst.

(l) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for physicians and other practitioners effective March 1, 2022. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on or prior to March 15, 2022.

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