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State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 23-0035

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Financial Management Group

December 20, 2023

Director: Emily Zalkovsky
State Medicaid/CHIP Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Mail Code: H100
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Texas TN 23-0035

Dear Director: Emily Zalkovsky,

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#23-0035, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 25, 2023. The proposed amendment updates the Home Health fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2023. 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

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
2 3 0 0 3 5

2. STATE
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
September 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Social Security Act §§1902(a)(30), 42 CFR §447.201(b).

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2023 \$ (\$ 200,030)
b. FFY 2024 \$ (\$2,046,682)

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 3**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 3 (TN 21-0040)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment updates the Home Health fee schedule.

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: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



15. RETURN TO

**Emily Zalkovsky
State Medicaid Director
Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100
Austin, Texas 78711**

12. TYPED NAME
Emily Zalkovsky

13. TITLE
State Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

September 25, 2023

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
September 25, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED
December 20, 2023

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
September 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

8. Home Health Services

(a) Professional Services

- (1) Home health agencies are reimbursed for authorized professional home health services, including skilled nursing visits and therapy visits, delivered to eligible Medicaid recipients, the lesser of the provider's billed charges or the fee schedule established by HHSC.
- (2) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1.
- (3) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for home health professional services and durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies effective September 1, 2023. This fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on September 15, 2023.
- (4) 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.

TN: 23-0035 Approval Date: December 20, 2023

Supersedes TN: 21-0040 Effective Date: September 1, 2023