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State Plan Amendment (SPA): 25-0021

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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

September 12, 2025

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

RE: TN 25-0021

Dear Director: Emily Zalkovsky,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Texas state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B 25-0021, which was submitted to CMS on June 24, 2025. This plan amendment updates the physicians' and other practitioners' program fee schedules.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of June 1, 2025. 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 Monica Neiman at 214-767-4456 or via email at Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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 5 0 0 2 1

2. STATE

T X3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACTTO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
June 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

**Social Security Act §§1905(a)(5)(A); 1905(a)(6)(A); 42 CFR
§447.201(b)** -

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025 \$ 3,200b. FFY 2026 \$ 9,686

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1a.3**8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)**Attachment 4.19-B
Page 1a.3 (TN 25-0020)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment updates the physicians and other practitioners program 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

12. TYPED NAME

Emily Zalkovsky

13. TITLE

State Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

June 24, 2025

15. RETURN TO

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

16. DATE RECEIVED

June 24, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

September 12, 2025**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

June 1, 2025

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

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, 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 in 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. 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, 2024. This fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website on or prior to March 15, 2024.
- (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) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physician services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of June 1, 2025 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency's website by September 15, 2025. All rates are published on <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

TN: 25-0021 Approval Date: September 12, 2025

Supersedes TN: 25-0020 Effective Date: June 1, 2025