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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0007

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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
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Financial Management Group

August 17, 2021

Nathan Checketts
Medicaid Director
Utah Department of Health
P.O. Box 141000
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1000

Dear Mr. Checketts:

RE: Utah Transmittal Notice (TN) 21-0007

We have reviewed the proposed Utah State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, Utah TN#21-0007, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on May 25, 2021. This State Plan Amendment updates the utilization trend for the outpatient hospital Upper Payment Limit (UPL) in State Fiscal Year 2021.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2021. 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 Tamara Sampson at 214-767-6431 or Tamara.Sampson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Todd McMillion.

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

U T 21-0007

2. STATE

UTAH

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2021

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.90

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a FFY 2021 (\$398,800)

b FFY 2022 (\$1,595,200)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Page 2f of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Page 2f of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Outpatient Hospital Supplemental Payments

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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

13. TYPED NAME Richard G. Saunders

14. TITLE Executive Director, Utah Department of Health

15. DATE SUBMITTED May 25, 2021

16. RETURN TO

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17. DATE RECEIVED

May 25, 2021

18. DATE APPROVED

August 17, 2021

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2021

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

21. TYPED NAME

Todd McMillion

22. TITLE

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

14. UPL Calculation Overview

For purposes of calculating the Medicaid outpatient hospital upper payment limits for hospitals, the state shall utilize hospital specific Medicare outpatient cost to charge ratios applied to Medicaid charges. The Medicaid upper payment limit for state hospitals and non-state government owned hospitals are independently calculated. Each Medicaid upper payment limit shall be offset by hospital Medicaid and other third party outpatient payments to determine the available spending room (i.e., the gap) applicable to each Medicaid upper payment limit. The base year utilized to determine each Medicaid upper payment limit shall be trended to the applicable spending year as follows:

- Inflation trend shall be an annual average calculated using the consumer price index available the December prior to the start of each state fiscal year for "Outpatient Hospital Services" as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as compared to the previous December.
- Utilization trend shall be calculated using historical Utah Medicaid outpatient hospital services data. The utilization trend for State Fiscal Year 2022 shall be -3.7 percent.

Following is the data used to calculate the UPL for each state fiscal year:

Medicare Cost to Charge ratio:

- 2552-96: Costs are from Worksheet D, Part V, Columns 9, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03 line 104
- 2552-10: Costs are from Worksheet D, Part V, Columns 5, 6, and 7 line 202
- 2552-96: Charges are from Worksheet D, Part V, Columns 5, 5.01, 5.02, 5.03 line 104
- 2552-10: Charges are from Worksheet D, Part V, Columns 2, 3, 4 line 202

Note: As Medicare may amend the cost report structure from that noted above, corresponding Medicare Cost Report data will be used in place of the elements noted above.

The hospitals in the analysis have fiscal year ends during the state fiscal year Medicaid Charges and payments - Paid hospital outpatient claims from services in a recent period and as available at the time the calculation is made.

Costs for critical access hospitals shall be calculated at 101 percent of cost with any appropriate inflation and utilization added as noted above.

T.N. # 21-0007

Approval Date 8-17-2021

Supersedes T.N. # 20-0010

Effective Date 7-1-21