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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

October 20, 2026

Julie Ewing
State Medicaid Director
Utah Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Integrated Healthcare
P.O. Box 143102
Salt Lake City UT 84114-4102

RE: Utah TN: 26-0009

Dear Director Julie Ewing,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Utah state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B TN#26-0009, which was submitted to CMS May 4, 2026. This plan amendment updates the payment structure for Medicaid providers for outpatient services in Cache County.

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 July 1, 2026. 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 Matthew Klein at 214-767-4625 or via email at matthew.klein@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting 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

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2. STATE

UT3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.50 and 440.60

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2026 - Savings \$ 57,600b. FFY 2027 - Savings \$ 230,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Pages 4c, 5, 9, 13, 21, and 21a of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)Pages 4c, 5, 9, 13, 21, and 21a of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B
(TNs 03-013, 14-010, 17-0006, 17-0016, and 21-0006)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Urban Cache County Payments - This amendment updates the payment structure for Medicaid providers who furnish certain services in Cache County.

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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Tracy S. Gruber

13. TITLE

Executive Director, Utah Dept of Health & Human Services

14. DATE SUBMITTED

May 4, 2026

15. RETURN TO

Craig DevashrayeeUtah Department of Health & Human ServicesDivision of Integrated Healthcarecdevashrayee@utah.gov**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

May 4, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Reimbursement

22. REMARKS

D. PHYSICIANS (Except Anesthesiologists)(Continued)

7. ENHANCED PAYMENT RATES

Rural Areas

Physicians, including persons providing services under the direct supervision of a physician as allowed by state law, providing services in rural areas of the state are paid a rate differential equal to 112 percent of the physician fee schedule. Rural areas are defined as areas of the State of Utah outside of Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

University of Utah Medical Group

Physicians, including persons providing services under the direct supervision of a physician as allowed by state law, and practitioners (e.g., podiatrist, optometrist, dentist, covered independent nurse practitioners, physician assistants) employed by or associated with University of Utah Medical Group (UUMG) will be paid at 100% of the average commercial insurance professional rate (ACR) for services. Data used to calculate the ACR will be provided by UUMG annually. The ACR is based on paid commercial insurance claims from UUMG's commercial payers. The commercial insurance claims will include service dates in the previous calendar year.

$$\text{ACR} = (\text{Reimbursement} + \text{Copayments}) / (\text{Total Charges})$$

The average Medicaid rate (AMR) is also calculated annually based on paid Medicaid claims for service dates in the previous calendar year.

$$\text{AMR} = (\text{Reimbursement} + \text{Copayments}) / (\text{Total Charges})$$

In order to determine the total payment to UUMG, a rate differential is calculated prior to making any payments for the period. The rate differential will be calculated annually and is effective for payments made for claims paid between July 1st of that year and June 30th of the following year.

$$\text{Rate Differential} = \text{ACR} / \text{AMR} \quad \text{Payment} = (\text{Rate Differential} - 1) \times \text{Medicaid Allowed Amount}$$

(The *Medicaid Allowed Amount* is the Reimbursement Amount + Copayments, during the period under review for payment.)

Anesthesiologists employed by the University of Utah Medical Group will be considered part of this enhanced payment program, regardless of the anesthesiologist exception noted in this section [Section D, Physicians (Except Anesthesiologists)].

The rate differential payment made to the UUMG will typically be made as a separate quarterly payment; however, annual, semi-annual, monthly or any combination thereof payments may be considered, if requested by UUMG, to the UUMG on behalf of the physicians and practitioners employed based on the paid claims during the period under review for payment. If new or corrected information is identified that would modify the amount of a previous payment the department may make a retroactive adjustment payment in addition to previously paid amounts.

E. ANESTHESIOLOGIST/ANESTHETIST

1. INTRODUCTION

Payment is based on the lower of billed usual and customary charges or a calculated fee.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's anesthesia conversion factor and anesthesia basic values were set as of July 1, 2017, and are effective for services delivered on or after that date. All rates are published and maintained on the agency's website. Specifically, the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published at <http://medicaid.utah.gov>.

2. CALCULATED FEE

Payment = (Basic Value + Time Values + Modifying Factors) x Conversion Factor.

Time Values are added to the basic value at the rate of one unit for each twelve minutes or fraction thereof.

Rural Areas: Anesthesiologists/Anesthetists providing services in rural areas of the state are paid a rate differential equal to 112 percent of the physician fee schedule. Rural areas are defined as areas of the State of Utah outside of Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

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I. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Approved procedure codes may be directly billed by a licensed physician assistant (PA). Payment for approved services will be made at the lower of the usual and customary charge or the established physician's fee schedule. The fees are established by using the physicians' fee schedule methodology described in Section D "Physicians," Page 4 of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of these services. The agency's rates were set in accordance with the methodology described in Section D "Physicians", and are effective for services on or after the date specified in Section D. Payments for covered audiology services are based on the established fee schedule unless a lower amount is billed. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/>.

Rate Adjustment for Rural Areas

Physician Assistants providing services in rural areas of the state are paid a rate differential equal to 112 percent of the physician assistant fee schedule. Rural areas are defined as areas of the State of Utah outside of Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

Billing Arrangements

When service is provided by a licensed PA employed and working under supervision in a group practice, private office, community health center, or local health department, the supervising provider shall bill for the service according to their usual and customary fee schedule.

When service is provided by a licensed PA working in a private independent practice, the licensed PA shall bill according to their usual and customary fee schedule.

M. DENTAL SERVICES AND DENTURES

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Payment will be based on the established fee schedule unless a lesser amount is billed. The amount billed cannot exceed usual and customary charges to private pay patients. The rates are effective for services on or after the date listed on the Attachment 4.19-B Introduction Page.

These rates are published at
<http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/stplan/lookup/CoverageLookup.php>.

Enhanced Payments

Urban Counties

As an incentive to improve client access to dental services in urban counties (Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties), dental providers (excluding state-funded clinics) willing to sign an agreement to see 100 or more clients during the next year will be reimbursed at the lesser of billed charges or 120 percent of the established fee schedule.

Rural Counties

As an incentive to improve client access to dental services in rural counties (all counties except urban counties noted above), dental providers in these counties including state-funded clinics will be reimbursed at the lesser of billed charges or 120 percent of the established fee schedule.

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LICENSED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE-MIDWIFE SERVICES

Payments are based on the established fee schedule for selected HCPCS codes unless a lower amount is billed. Selected HCPCS codes are established in compliance with HIPAA requirements. The amount billed cannot exceed usual and customary charges to private-pay patients. Payment for registered nurse-midwife services includes the physician's collaboration fee for the co-management of the case.

Rate Adjustment for Rural Areas

Effective October 1, 1991, licensed certified registered nurse-midwives who provide services in rural areas of the State will be paid the lower of usual and customary charges or rate equal to 112% of the established Medicaid fee schedule. Rural areas are defined as areas of the State outside of Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

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NURSE PRACTITIONERS (NP)

Approved procedure codes may be directly billed by a licensed nurse practitioner (NP). Payment for approved services will be made at the lower of the usual and customary charge or the established physician's fee schedule. The fees are established by using the physicians' fee schedule methodology described in Section D "Physicians," Page 4 of ATTACHMENT 4.19-B.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of these services. The agency's rates were set in accordance with the methodology described in Section D "Physicians", and are effective for services on or after the date specified in Section D. Payments for covered audiology services are based on the established fee schedule unless a lower amount is billed. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/>.

Rate Adjustment for Rural Areas

The 12% rate differential, not to exceed usual and customary charges, will be paid for services rendered in rural Utah. Rural Utah is defined as areas of the State outside of Cache, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

Billing Arrangements

When service is provided by a licensed NP employed and working under supervision in a group practice, private office, community health center, or local health department, the supervising provider shall bill for the service according to their usual and customary fee schedule.

When service is provided by a licensed NP working in a private independent practice, the licensed NP shall bill according to their usual and customary fee schedule.

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