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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

July 14, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Mike Smith, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive - Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671

Dear Secretary Smith:

Enclosed is an approved copy of the Vermont State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0001, received on June 30, 2020 proposing to cover medication therapy management services when provided by an office-based clinical pharmacist operating under their scope of practice at a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic. The effective date for this SPA is April 1, 2020, as requested by your agency.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Gilson DaSilva, Division of Program Operations (South Branch) at (617) 565-1227 or via e-mail at Gilson.dasilva@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access
Dylan Frazer, Health Programs Administrator, VT Medicaid Policy Unit

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 20-0001	2. STATE: VERMONT
		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(S) 4/1/2020	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (CHECK ONE):			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §430.12(c)(1)(ii)		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2020 \$ 21,477 b. FFY 2021 \$ 43,520	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Att. 3.1-A page 3d(5)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) n/a	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Medication Therapy Management at FQHCs and RHCs			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED SIGNATURE OF SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION 	
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: DYLAN FRAZER AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES 280 STATE DRIVE, CENTER BUILDING WATERBURY, VT 05671-1000	
13. TYPED NAME: Michael K. Smith			
14. TITLE: SECRETARY, AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 6/30/2020			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 06/30/2020		18. DATE APPROVED: 07/14/2020	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 04/01/2020		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/	
21. TYPED NAME: James G. Scott		22. TITLE Director, Division of Program Operations	
23. REMARKS			

ITEM 6. MEDICAL CARE AND ANY OTHER OF REMEDIAL CARE RECOGNIZED UNDER STATE LAW, FURNISHED BY LICENSED PRACTITIONERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR PRACTICE AS DEFINED BY STATE LAW (continued)

D. Other Practitioners' Services (continued)

9. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services are covered when provided by an office-based clinical pharmacist licensed by the Vermont Board of Pharmacy operating under their scope of practice at a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center. Pharmacists providing MTM services must have a nationally recognized MTM certification.

This service is limited to one initial visit and up to 3 follow-up visits per member per calendar year. For the EPSDT population, the limitations on number of visits can be exceeded based on medical necessity.

Pharmacists providing MTM services would review the patient chart and discuss with the patient topics such as:

- a) Medication reconciliation
- b) Medication appropriateness
- c) Drug interactions
- d) Duplication of therapy
- e) Evidence of prescribing cascade
- f) Refill history (compliance & adherence)
- g) Insurance rejection resolutions
- h) Formulary and cost considerations
- i) Transition of care issues