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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Financial Management Group

October 19, 2022

Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director
441 4th Street, NW, 9th Floor, South
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RE: TN 22-0008

Dear Ms. Byrd:

We have reviewed the proposed D.C. State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B DC 22-0008, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 23, 2022. This plan amendment will allow pharmacies to receive reimbursement for the administration fee associated with providing VFC program vaccine and immunizations.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2022. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and the state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Lindsay Michael at 410-786-7197 or Lindsay.michael@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,




Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

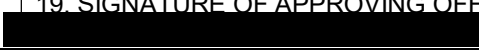
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: DC 22-0008	2. STATE: District of Columbia
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2022	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR § 447.201	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars): a. FFY <u>2022</u> \$0 b. FFY <u>2023</u> \$0	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19B Page 3c	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19B Page 3c	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
Administration fee reimbursement for Vaccines for Children Program vaccinations and immunizations

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:
D.C. Act: 22-434

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO Melisa Byrd Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director Department of Health Care Finance 441 4 th Street, NW, 9 th Floor, South Washington, DC 20001
12. TYPED NAME Melisa Byrd	
13. TITLE Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director	
14. DATE SUBMITTED	

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16. DATE RECEIVED 8/23/22	17. DATE APPROVED October 19, 2022
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 9/1/22	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	

- i. Effective May 1, 2016, physician-administered drugs shall be reimbursed at eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare fee schedule, with the exception of physician-administered chemotherapy drugs which shall be reimbursed at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare fee schedule. Rates will be updated annually pursuant to the Medicare fee schedule, and will be published on DHCF's website at www.dc-medicaid.com.
- j. For physician administered drugs purchased through the Federal Public Health Service's 340B Drug Pricing Program, reimbursement shall be the 340B actual acquisition cost, but no more than the 340B ceiling price.
- k. Investigational drugs shall not be Medicaid-reimbursable.
- l. Drug Administration Fee

A pharmacy that employs or contracts a pharmacist who administers immunizations, vaccines, and emergency anaphylaxis agents in accordance with Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 8.1 and Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-B, page 7.1 shall be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement for administering these drugs. Effective September 1, 2022, Medicaid-enrolled pharmacies enrolled in the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program may receive payment for the drug administration fees associated with VFC program vaccines and immunizations. The pharmacist must ensure all written protocols in support of the administration of immunizations, vaccines, and emergency anaphylaxis agents are current and reviewed with the delegating physicians annually in accordance with District laws and rules or the applicable professional practices act within the jurisdiction where services are provided. There shall be one administration fee for injectable products, and there shall be separate administration fee for nasal products. The administration fees are payable for immunizations, vaccines, and emergency anaphylaxis agents administered to Medicaid beneficiaries of all ages. The agency's fees are set as of September 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. Fees may be updated annually and shall be published on the Medicaid website at www.dc-medicaid.com. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fees are the same for both governmental and private providers. Reimbursement for the administration of immunizations, vaccines, and anaphylaxis agents shall not include a professional dispensing fee.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of Section 3 in this State Plan Amendment, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed:

Administration fee – a fee reimbursed to a pharmacy that employs or contracts a pharmacist that directly applies an immunization, vaccine, or emergency anaphylaxis agent by injection or inhalation to the body of a Medicaid beneficiary.

Brand – any registered trade name commonly used to identify a drug.

Container – A light resistant receptacle designed to hold a specific dosage form which is or maybe in direct contact with the item and does not interact physically or chemically with the item or adversely affect the strength, quality, or purity of the item.

Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) – The executive department responsible for administering the Medicaid program within the District of Columbia.

Federal Supply Schedule – a multiple award, multi-year federal contract for medical equipment, supplies, pharmaceutical, or service programs that is available for use by federal government agencies that complies with all federal contract laws and regulations. Pricing is negotiated based on how vendors do business with their commercial customers.