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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

January 19, 2021

Ms. Jennifer Tidball Acting Director MO HealthNet Division P.O. Box 6500 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-6500

Dear Ms. Tidball:

We have reviewed Missouri's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0008, Prescribed Drugs, received in the CMS Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group on January 13, 2021. This SPA proposes to bring Missouri into compliance with the professional dispensing fee requirement in the Covered Outpatient Drug final rule with comment period (CMS-2345-FC).

Missouri SPA 21-0008 proposed a professional dispensing fee for in-state pharmacy providers of \$12.22, plus an adjustment to account for the costs of the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance attributable to Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions.

During the review process for SPA 21-0008, it was determined that Missouri required additional time to adequately address the reimbursement methodology for drugs purchased through the 340B program. Therefore, in consultation with CMS, it was agreed that the state would remove references to reimbursement for drugs purchased through the 340B program from SPA 21-0008 and submit a subsequent SPA to become fully compliant with the requirements of the Covered Outpatient Drug final rule with comment period.

In keeping with the requirements of section 1902 (a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act, we believe the state has demonstrated that their reimbursement rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care, and are sufficient to ensure that care and services are available to Medicaid beneficiaries at least to the extent they are available to the general population in the geographic area. We believe that there is evidence regarding the sufficiency of Missouri's pharmacy provider network at this time to approve SPA 21-0008. The state provided data to demonstrate that the acquisition cost methodologies being paid are sufficient to ensure the program's beneficiaries will have access to pharmacy services at least to the extent that they are available to the general population.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 21-0008 is approved with an effective date of February 1, 2021. We are attaching a copy of the signed, updated CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into Missouri's state plan.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lisa Shochet at 410-786-5445 or lisa.shochet@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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- 14. For pharmacy provider claims, a professional dispensing fee will be applied to Items 1-3 and 5-9, as follows.
 - a. Out-of-state pharmacy providers receive a professional dispensing fee of \$8.85.
 - b. In-state pharmacy providers receive a professional dispensing fee of \$12.22, plus an adjustment to account for the costs of the Missouri Pharmacy Reimbursement Allowance attributable to Medicaid-reimbursed prescriptions.
 - c. Long-term care pharmacy providers receive an additional \$0.50 professional dispensing fee.
 - d. A professional dispensing shall be added to maintenance medications no more frequently than once every 25 days.

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