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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0017

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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

December 12, 2022

Ana P. Novais, MA, Acting Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
3 West Road, Virks Building
Cranston, RI 02920

Re: Rhode Island State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0017

Dear Acting Secretary Novais:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0017. This amendment proposes to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to provide coverage of Parents as Teachers services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 1905(a)(13). This letter is to inform you that Rhode Island's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0017 was approved on December 9, 2022, with an effective date of October 1, 2022.

Enclosed are copies of the approved CMS-179 summary page and approved SPA Pages to be incorporated in the Rhode Island State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at (857) 357-6375 or via email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Kristin Sousa, Interim Medicaid Program Director
Kathryn Thomas, Senior Economic and Policy Analyst

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 2 — 0 0 1 7

2. STATE

RI

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

October 1, 2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.130

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2023 \$ 675,500
b. FFY 2024 \$ 675,500

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B Page 3H
Attachment 3.1-A Supplement to Page 6 Page 6.17 and 6.18

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

NEW
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Family Home Visiting Program Services (Parents as Teachers)

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
Ana Novais

13. TITLE
Acting Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED
10/20/2022

15. RETURN TO

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
October 20, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED
December 9, 2022

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
October 1, 2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Pen & ink change to Box 7 adding Page 6.18.

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1905(a)(13) Preventive Services

13C.4 Family Home Visiting Program for Caregivers

1. A family home visiting program whose goal is the maximum reduction or physical or mental health problems in young children. It is designed to ensure that caregivers have the knowledge and skills to address the medical, behavioral and/or developmental needs of their infant or young child. On the recommendation of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, family home visiting program visitors deliver services to families in the home, including:
 - a. Developmental screening for infants and children;
 - b. Psychoeducation on child development;
 - c. Parenting skill building support (e.g., stress management and child discipline);
 - d. Connecting families to resources and social services, as necessary.
2. Children are primarily identified for referral through risk assessment screening completed through RI's short-term home visiting program, health care provider, or other service provider.
3. Provider Qualifications
 - a. Agencies who provide the program must meet Certification standards for the family home visiting program.
 - i. Certification requirements include:
 1. Demonstration of commitment to linguistic and cultural competence by the entity.
 2. Plan to recruit, retain, and promote a diverse staff and leadership team.
 - b. Entity assurance of equal access as outlined by the Department of Justice, Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination affecting Limited English Proficient Persons. Individuals providing home visits include:
 - i. Parent educators
 1. Complete Parents as Teachers parent educator training
 2. Hold associates or bachelors degree in relevant field, including social work, health and human services, human development, psychology)
 - ii. Lead parent educators
 1. Complete Parents as Teachers lead parent educator training
 2. Hold associates or bachelors degree in relevant field, including social work, health and human services, human development, psychology)
 - iii. Parents as Teachers Supervisors
 1. Complete Parents as Teachers lead parent educator training

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2. Hold associates or bachelors degree in relevant field, including social work, health and human services, human development, psychology)
- c. Individuals providing supervision must have the following expectations:
 - i. Minimum of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, social work, health, psychology, or a related field
 - ii. And/or minimum five years' experience working with families and young children at the discretion of the licensing agency
 - iii. Strong interpersonal skills
 - iv. A commitment to reflective practice and supervision, data collection, and continuous quality improvement

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1905(a)13 Preventive Services

Parents as Teachers

1. Payment methodology

- a. Agencies bill the state Medicaid agency or RIDOH directly on a per-visit basis
- b. The rates are structured to capture the cost of direct services, including intake visits and care coordination, and indirect services, such as billing activities in accordance with 2CFR 200 and the RI approved cost allocation plan.

2. Rate Increases:

EOHHS does not increase rates based on a set inflation factor on a pre-determined basis

3. Date of Effective Rates

EOHHS' rates were set as of October 1, 2022 and are effective for services on or after that date.