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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) : 23-0045**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60601



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**Financial Management Group**

January 18, 2024

Director: Emily Zalkovsky  
State Medicaid/CHIP Director  
Health and Human Services Commission  
Mail Code: H100  
Post Office Box 13247  
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Texas TN 23-0045

Dear Director: Emily Zalkovsky,

We have reviewed the proposed Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, TX#23-0045, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 21, 2023. The proposed amendment updates the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) fee schedules.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of October 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Monica Neiman at: [Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Monica.Neiman@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  
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2. STATE  
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 1, 2023**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**42 C.F.R. §§ 440.40 and 441.56; §1905(r) of Social Security Act,  
relating to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment.**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2024 \$ \$1,068  
b. FFY 2025 \$ \$1,153

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
**Attachment 4.19-B  
Page 25i**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN  
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
  
**Attachment 4.19-B  
Page 25i (TN 23-0033)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

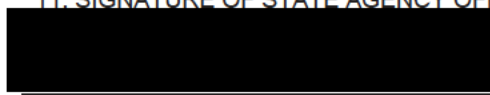
**The proposed amendment updates the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule.**

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: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME  
**Valerie Mayes**

13. TITLE  
**Deputy State Medicaid Director  
(Signing on behalf of Emily Zalkovsky, State Medicaid Director)**

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
**December 21, 2023**

15. RETURN TO

**Emily Zalkovsky  
State Medicaid Director  
Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100  
Austin, Texas 78711**

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED  
**December 21, 2023**

17. DATE APPROVED  
**January 18, 2024**

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
**October 1, 2023**

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

**32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued**  
**(10) Physician services**

- (a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include:
  - (1) Vaccines not covered by the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVCP) for clients under age 21, which are reimbursed as access-based fees in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
  - (2) Services delivered by school districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
- (b) For dates of service on or after September 1, 2019, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 80 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (c) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (d) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective October 1, 2023. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website by March 15, 2024.