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State Plan Amendment

SPA 18-0014 EPSDT Fees - Effective 07/01/2018

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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

September 7, 2018

Our Reference: TX SPA 18-0014

Ms. Stephanie Muth
State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Mail Code: H100
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Muth:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number (TN) 18-0014, dated August 16, 2018. This amendment updates the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas state plan with an effective date of July 1, 2018, as requested. A copy of the CMS-179 form as well as the approved plan pages are included with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by e-mail at Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Cc: Dana Williamson, Manager, Policy Development Support
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

1. **TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:** 18-0014

2. **STATE:** TEXAS

3. **PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:** TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

4. **PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2018

5. **TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL** (Circle One):
   - NEW STATE PLAN
   - AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
   - AMENDMENT

6. **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.

7. **FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:**
   - a. FFY 2018 $25,822
   - b. FFY 2019 $307,207
   - c. FFY 2020 $481,928

8. **PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:**

   SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9

9. **PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):**

   SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9

10. **SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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

11. **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.

12. **SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:**

13. **TYPED NAME:** Stephanie Muth

14. **TITLE:** State Medicaid Director

15. **DATE SUBMITTED:** August 16, 2018

16. **RETURN TO:**

   Stephanie Muth
   State Medicaid Director
   Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100
   Austin, Texas 78711

17. **DATE RECEIVED:** August 16, 2018

18. **DATE APPROVED:** September 7, 2018

19. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:** July 1, 2018

20. **SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:**

21. **TYPED NAME:** Bill Brooks

22. **TITLE:** Associate Regional Administrator
   Division of Medicaid and Children’s Health

23. **REMARKS:**
### Attachment to Blocks 8 & 9 of CMS Form 179

Transmittal Number 18-0014

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State: Texas  
Date Received: 08-16-18  
Date Approved: 09-07-18  
Date Effective: 07-01-18  
Transmittal Number: 18-0014
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 accessed-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 December 1, 2017, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 85 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.

(c) For dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 70 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.

(d) All fee schedules are available through the agency’s website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

(e) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective July 1, 2018. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on July 6, 2018.
32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment- Comprehensive Care Program (EPSDT-CCP) Services - continued

(19) Environmental Lead Investigations. The rate for on-site environmental lead investigations is reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21. The initial rate is based on the estimated costs to perform an inspection of the child’s primary dwelling. The estimated costs used to develop this rate include salary and fringe costs. Indirect costs are included based on the estimated lifespan of the equipment and the number of anticipated investigations completed annually.

(a) Payment is limited to providers that are Certified Lead Risk Assessors accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

(b) The rate for environmental lead investigations will be reviewed and updated periodically by projecting the initial rate from the historical cost period used to develop the initial rate to the perspective rate period using the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Chain - Type Price Index.

(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 the new fee for environmental lead investigations effective July 1, 2018, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. This fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on July 6, 2018.

TN: ____________ Approval Date: ____________
Supersedes TN: ____________ Effective Date: ____________