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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

June 6, 2016

Our Reference: SPA TX 16-0008

Mr. Gary Jessee
State Medicaid/CHIP Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Mail Code H100
Austin, Texas 78711

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OFFICE OF THE STATE
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Jessee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 16-0008, dated March 31, 2016. This state plan amendment updates the Medicaid fee schedules for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT).

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2016. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan page are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions please contact Suzette Seng of my staff. Ms. Seng may be reached at (214) 767-6478 or by Email at Suzette.Seng@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: 16-0008	2. STATE: TEXAS
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Circle One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Social Security Act §1902(a)(30); 42 CFR 447.201(b).		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2016 (\$354) b. FFY 2017 (\$357) c. FFY 2018 (\$698)	
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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 & 9	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 deletes obsolete language and updates the Medicaid fee schedules for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT).			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt. <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Gary Jessee State Medicaid Director Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100 Austin, Texas 78711	
13. TYPED NAME: Gary Jessee			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 31, 2016			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: March 31, 2016		18. DATE APPROVED: June 06, 2016	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 01, 2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health	
23. REMARKS: Pen and Ink change to Block 10 per state's request via email 5/26/2016.			

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Attachment to Block 7 of CMS Form 179

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	Total Fiscal Impact	Federal	State
FFY 2016	(\$ 620)	(\$354)	(\$266)
FFY 2017	(\$ 636)	(\$357)	(\$279)
FFY 2018	(\$1,242)	(\$698)	(\$544)

The above fiscal impact for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) is based on the difference between the current rate and the newly implemented rate for which a rate was changed, multiplied by the trended units of service as described below.

FFY 2016: Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2014 units were trended to FFY 2015 by 1.0807 and then to 2016 by 1.0175, then pro-rated for the portion of the FFY during which the new rates will be in effect.

FFY 2017: The FFY 2016 trended unit amount was then trended to FFY 2017 by 1.0445.

FFY 2018: The FFY 2017 trended unit amount was then trended to FFY 2018 by 1.0445.

The applied federal medical assistance percentages are 57.13 percent for FFY 2016, 56.18 percent for FFY 2017, and 56.18 percent for FFY 2018.

Explanation for Rate Change and Amendment Submission

This state plan amendment implements changes to combinations of procedure code, type of service, modifier, and age group, and was the result of multiple actions:

- 13 procedure codes were reviewed. The reimbursement rate for one procedure code under the biennial calendar fee review for environmental lead investigation remained the same.
- Seven procedure codes for the 2016 annual HCPCS update for dental services were discontinued.
- Five procedure codes for the 2016 annual HCPCS update for dental services were added as Medicaid benefits based on the Texas Medicaid rates for clinically comparable procedure codes. The reimbursement rate increased from zero for five procedure codes because they are now benefits of Texas Medicaid.

Access to care will not be affected and communications with providers will be maintained to address any concerns, should they arise.

There were no across-the-board percentage decreases or increases.

Attachment to Blocks 8 & 9 of CMS Form 179

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**Number of the
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
Page 25k.1
Page 25m

**Number of the Superseded
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B
Page 25k.1 (TN 15-011)
Page 25m (TN 10-019)

32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services (continued)

13. Dental services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those provided by independently enrolled dentists who are reimbursed according to the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). These are access-based fees under Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and other practitioners.

- (a) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (b) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT dental services effective January 1, 2016. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on January 15, 2016.

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Supersedes TN: 15-011

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 January 1, 2016, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. This fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on January 15, 2016.

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