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**State/Territory Name:** **Pennsylvania**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #:** **24-0004**

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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

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May 3, 2024

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH  
Secretary, Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

Re: Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0004

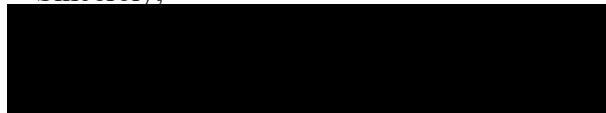
Dear Secretary Arkoosh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0004. This amendment adds licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists to the core services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. The amendment also added pharmacists and licensed dietician-nutritionists to the list of other ambulatory services offered by Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations §440.20(b) and 42 U.S.C §§ 1396d(a)(2)(C). This letter is to inform you that Pennsylvania Medicaid SPA 24-0004 was approved on May 2, 2024, with an effective date of March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko at 215-861-4288 or via email at [Margaret.Kosherzenko@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.Kosherzenko@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

cc: Sally Kozak  
Eve Lickers  
Lacey Walker

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 4 — 0 0 0 4

2. STATE

PA

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

March 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.20(b) and 42 U.S.C §§ 1396d(a)(2)(C)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2024 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2025 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1A/3.1B, page 1f  
Attachment 3.1A/3.1B, page 1g

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

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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic Practitioners

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

[Redacted Signature]

12. TYPED NAME

Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH

13. TITLE

Secretary of Human Services

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 11, 2024

15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Bureau of Policy, Analysis, and Planning  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

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16. DATE RECEIVED

03/11/2024

17. DATE APPROVED

05/02/2024

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

03/01/2024

19. SIG

[Redacted Signature]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

James G. Scott

21. TITL

Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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SERVICES

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**2.b. Rural Health Clinic Services (42 CFR 440.20(b))**

Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services are defined in section 1905(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act. RHC services include services provided by practitioners identified in section 1861(aa)(1) of the Social Security Act, which includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, visiting nurses, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists, and other ambulatory services. RHC services also include services and supplies that are furnished as incident to professional services furnished by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists, and, for visiting nurse care, related medical supplies other than drugs and biologicals. Other ambulatory services are services provided by podiatrists, optometrists, audiologists, dentists, dental hygienists, chiropractors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, licensed dietician-nutritionists, and pharmacists.

Limitations

Limitations on other ambulatory services furnished in the RHC are the same as defined for those services in the State Plan.

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**2.c. Federally Qualified Health Center Services (1905(a)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act)**

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services are defined in sections 1905(a)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act. FQHC services include services provided by practitioners identified in section 1861(aa)(3) of the Social Security Act, which includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, visiting nurses, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, and other ambulatory services. FQHC services also include services and supplies that are furnished as incident to professional services furnished by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, and, for visiting nurse care, related medical supplies other than drugs and biologicals. Other ambulatory services are services provided by podiatrists, optometrists, audiologists, dentists, dental hygienists, chiropractors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, licensed dietician-nutritionists, and pharmacists.

Limitations

Limitations on other ambulatory services furnished in the FQHC are the same as defined for those services in the State Plan.