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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
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Financial Management Group

April 16, 2024

Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

RE: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 24-0014

Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of Massachusetts's state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 29, 2024. This plan amendment updates the rates for Freestanding Birthing Centers.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 19, 2024. 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 Debi Benson at 1-312-886-0360 or Deborah.Benson@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

2 4 — 0 0 1 4

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

1/19/2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR Part 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 24 \$ 5,000
b. FFY 25 \$ 8,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B Page 3.3

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19-B Page 3.3

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment to the payment methodologies for freestanding birth center services.

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:
Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

15. RETURN TO

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02108

12. TYPED NAME

Mike Levine

13. TITLE

Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

14. DATE SUBMITTED

3/29/2024

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED March 29, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED

April 16, 2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 19, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State: Massachusetts
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

v. **Licensed Freestanding Birth Centers**

The fee-for-service rates are effective for services provided on or after January 19, 2024. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-35500-rates-for-freestanding-birth-center-services>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.