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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0013

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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

February 14, 2024

Richard Charest, R.Ph, MBA, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
3 West Road, Virks Building
Cranston, RI 02920

Re: Rhode Island State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0013

Dear Secretary Charest:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0013. This amendment proposes to make services provided by certified school psychologists eligible for Medicaid reimbursement as directed by the Rhode Island legislature.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations 42 CFR § 440.130. This letter is to inform you that Rhode Island's Medicaid SPA 23-0013 was approved on February 14, 2024, with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Enclosed are copies of the CMS-179 Summary Form and approved SPA page to be incorporated into the Rhode Island State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at (857) 357-6375 or via email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of James G. Scott.

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Kristin Sousa, Interim Medicaid Program Director
Kathryn Thomas, Senior Economic and Policy Analyst

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
2 3 — 0 0 1 3

2. STATE
RI

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
October 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Section 1905 of the Act and 42 CFR 440.130

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2024 \$ 31,711,884
b. FFY 2025 \$ 33,435,246

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1-A, Page 6:15

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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Attachment 3.1-A, Page 6:15-TN 08-011

Attachment 3.1-A, Supplement to Page 6, p. 6.15
TN 08-011

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Clinician 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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Richard Charest

13. TITLE
Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED
12/27/2023

15. RETURN TO
EOHHS
3 West Road, Virks Building
Cranston, RI 02920

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
12/27/2023

17. DATE APPROVED
02/14/2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
10/01/2023

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS
2-9-24: Pen & ink change authorization correcting pagination in Boxes 7 & 8.

13D. Rehabilitative Services (cont.)

Clinician's Services

Definition:

Clinician's Services refer to services rendered to treat behavioral health conditions as medically necessary. Services include assessment and evaluation, psychological and neuropsychological assessment and evaluation, individual, family and group therapy, medication treatment and review, in accordance with the providers scope of practice as authorized by Rhode Island State Law.

Provider Qualifications:

Services are reimbursable when in accordance with a treatment plan and provided by a qualified provider. Qualified providers include:

1. Physician
2. Licensed Psychologist
3. Registered Nurse
4. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
5. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW).
6. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
7. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
8. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
9. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (LMFT-A)
10. Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHC-A)
11. School Psychologists certified by the Rhode Island Department of Education with at minimum the following qualifications:
 - Advanced degree in School Psychology from a regionally accredited institution;
 - Demonstration of meeting the content competencies as prescribed by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP); and
 - Full Certification by the Office of Educator Quality and Certification at the Rhode Island Department of Education