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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

January 31, 2018

Sandra King Young, Medicaid Director
American Samoa Medicaid Agency
P.O. Box 998383
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

Dear Ms. Young:

Enclosed is an approved copy of American Samoa State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-002. The SPA updates Attachment 4.19 B to authorize an increase in the encounter rate for FQHCs. The SPA was originally submitted to my office on December 22, 2017.

The approval is effective October 1, 2017. Attached is a copy of the following page to be incorporated into your state plan:


- Attachment 4.19 B, Page 15

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Lemesh by phone at (415) 744-3571 or by email at Cynthia.Lemesh@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Henrietta Sam Louie
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-002	2. STATE American Samo
		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 October 1, 2017	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>):			
<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 (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FY2017 2018 \$574,950 \$916,000 FY2018 2019 \$3,749,400 \$916,000	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B - Page 15 - amendment		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-B - Page 15	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The purpose of this State Plan Amendment is to increase the encounter rate for the Federal Qualified Health Center in American Samoa from \$50 to \$150 per encounter.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan	
Amendment			
12. SIGNATURE:  AGENCY OFFICIAL:		16. RETURN TO:	
13. TYPED NAME: Sandra King Young		Sandra King Young, Director American Samoa Medicaid Agency P.O. Box 998383 Office of the Governor American Samoa Government Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799	
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: December 22, 2017			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: January 31, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: October 1, 2017		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/	
21. TYPED NAME: Henrietta Sam-Louie		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS: <i>1/10/18, Box 7: American Samoa makes pen and ink changes per CMS request.</i>			

Reimbursement For Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

The Medicaid agency will make payments for outpatient services to the covered providers within this section using an encounter rate equal to \$150.00.

Encounter Defined

An encounter is a face-to-face contact for the provision of medical, mental health or dental services between a patient and the FQHC to diagnose and treat physical, mental, and dental health issues.

Multiple medical encounters within the FQHC, which take place on the same day at a single location, constitute a single visit.

A mental health encounter is defined as a face-to-face visit with a certified or licensed mental health care professional at the FQHC for the provision of mental health services. Multiple mental health encounters with more than one mental health care practitioner in the FQHC or with the same mental health care practitioner, which take place on the same day at a single location, constitute a single visit. Mental health care services that are integrated in the delivery of medical care shall be deemed a medical counter and constitute a single visit.

A dental encounter is defined as a face-to-face visit with a dentist where preventive, curative or emergency dental services are rendered. Multiple dental encounters with more than one dental practitioner in the FQHC or with the same dental practitioner, which take place on the same day at a single location, constitute a single visit.

Billable Units

An FQHC can bill for one medical encounter, one dental encounter, and one mental health encounter per patient per day or for \$150 for one service, \$300 for two services and \$450 for three services.