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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: CO-14-023

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Region VIII

August 12, 2014

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203-1818

RE: Colorado #14-023

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 14-023. This amendment applies to reimbursement for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Audiology Services, reflecting rate increases as of July 1, 2014.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2014. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

For those individuals whose expenditures qualify for the newly eligible federal medical assistance percentage report on the *Form CMS-64.9 VIII* and those not enrolled in the new adult group, claims should be reported on the *Form CMS-64.9 Base*.

- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by an Home Health agency or by a facility licensed by the state to provide medical rehabilitation services should be reported on Line 12-Home Health.
- Physical therapy services prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his or her practice under state law and provided to a recipient by or under the direction of a qualified physical therapist. It includes any necessary supplies and equipment. Those costs would be reported on Line 30-Physical Therapy.
- Occupational therapy services prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his or her practice under State law and provided to a recipient by or under the direction of a qualified occupational therapist. It includes any necessary supplies and equipment. Those costs should be reported on Line 31-Occupational Therapy.

- Services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders means diagnostic, screening, preventive, or correction services provided by or under the direction of a speech pathologist or audiologist, for which a patient is referred by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his or her practice under State law. It includes any necessary supplies and equipment, including hearing aids. Those costs should be reported on Line 32- Services for Speech, Hearing & Language
- If any of the aforementioned services are provided in the school based environment or under the rehabilitation services option those costs need to be reported on the pop-up feeder form for Line 39-School Based Services or Line 40- Rehabilitative Services.


If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Suzanne Brennan
Pat Connally
Barb Prehmus
John Bartholomew
Max Salazar

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-023	2. STATE: COLORADO
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2014	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A 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 42 CFR 440.110		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY 2014-15: \$32,403 b. FFY 2015-16: \$132,561	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – 11. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Audiology Services		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – 11. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Audiology Services (TN 13-023)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Methods and standards for establishing payment rates for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and audiology services, reflecting the rate increases effective July 1, 2014.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor's letter dated 1 September 2011 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 		16. RETURN TO Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818 Attn: Barbara Prehmus	
13. TYPED NAME Suzanne Brennan			
14. TITLE Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED 7/8/2014			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED 7/8/14		18. DATE APPROVED 8/12/14	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 7/1/14		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL /s/	
21. TYPED NAME Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS			

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE OF COLORADO

Attachment 4.19-B

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES –
OTHER TYPES OF CARE

11. PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY AND
AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

Services provided by licensed physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, licensed occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, certified speech therapists/pathologists, licensed audiologists and speech-language clinical fellows shall be reimbursed at the lower of the following:

1. Submitted charges or
2. Fee schedule as determined by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The reimbursement rates were set as of July 1, 2014 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates can be found on the official Web site of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing at www.colorado.gov/hcpf.