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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: CO-15-0022

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Region VIII

July 29, 2015

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

RE: Colorado #15-0022

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0022. This amendment increases reimbursement rates for Home Health services, reflecting the rate increases effective July 1, 2015.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2015. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, Colorado should follow the CMS-64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

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.

This amendment would affect expenditures reported on Line 12 - Home Health 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: Gretchen Hammer John Bartholomew
Tess Ellis Barb Prehmus
Pat Connally Amanda Forsythe

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-0022	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, 2015	
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 440.70		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2014-15: \$231,304 b. FFY 2015-16: \$983,073	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B: Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – 7. Home Health Services, Page 1 of 8		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 – 7. Home Health Services, Page 1 of 8 (TN CO 14-030)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Methods and standards for establishing payment rates for Home Health services, reflecting the rate increases effective July 1, 2015.			
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 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		Governor's letter dated 15 January 2015	
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 Gretchen Hammer			
14. TITLE Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED July 23, 2015			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED Original rec'd 6/03/15, Revised 7/23/15		18. DATE APPROVED 7/29/15	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 7/1/15		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL /s/	
21. TYPED NAME Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS			

TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

42 CFR 440.70

State of Colorado

Attachment 4.19-B

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

7. HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES

A. Payment rates for home health care services are established as follows:

1. The unit of reimbursement for skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech/language pathology home health services is one visit up to two and one half hours in length.
2. Home health aide services are billed in basic and extended units. A basic unit is the first part of a visit up to one hour. The extended units are additional increments up to one-half hour each for visits lasting more than one hour. All basic units and all extended units must be at least 15 minutes in length to be reimbursable.
3. The unit of reimbursement for home health telehealth services is one calendar day. The home health agency is reimbursed for one initial visit per client each time the monitoring equipment is installed in the home, and is reimbursed a daily rate for each day the telehealth monitoring equipment is used to monitor and manage the client's care.
4. The cost of supplies used during visits by home health agency staff for the practice of universal precautions, excluding gloves used for bowel programs and catheter care, is included in the maximum unit rate.

B. Home health care services provided by home health providers are reimbursed at the lower of the following:

1. Submitted charges; or
2. Home health fee schedule 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, 2015 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.