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REGION VIII - DENVER

June 18, 2018

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Bimestefer:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0019. This amendment adds licensed pharmacists to the Medicaid state plan for the purposes of administering vaccines and prescribing certain over the counter medications.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today with an effective date of July 1, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).


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

Sincerely,

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

cc: Gretchen Hammer
John Bartholomew
David DeNovellis
Russell Ziegler
Whitney McOwen

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18 – 0019	2. STATE: COLORADO
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN X AMENDMENT		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018	
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR §§440.60, 440.120	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2017-18: \$0 b. FFY 2018-19: \$0		
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A – Limitations to Care and Services – Item 6.d. – Other practitioners’ services Attachment 4.19-B – Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – Item 6.d. – Services Provided by Non-Physician Practitioners	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A – Limitations to Care and Services – Item 6.d. – Other practitioners’ services (TN 11-006) Attachment 4.19-B – Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care – Item 6.d. – Services Provided by Non-Physician Practitioners (TN 17-0005)		
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Add pharmacists to other practitioners’ services as a provider type to administer vaccines and to prescribe specified over-the-counter medications to Medicaid members. Moreover, the amendment includes a technical correction removing an out-of-date list of providers from the payment page. There is no rate change for non-physician practitioners.			
11. GOVERNOR’S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR’S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor’s letter dated 29 March, 2018 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE: 	16. RETURN TO: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818 Attn: David DeNovellis		
13. TYPED NAME: Gretchen Hammer	15. DATE SUBMITTED: Initial: May 22, 2018 Update #1: June 14, 2018		
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director	17. DATE RECEIVED May 22, 2018		
18. DATE APPROVED June 18, 2018		18. DATE APPROVED June 18, 2018	
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PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL July 1, 2018	20. SIGNATURE OFFICIAL [REDACTED]
21. TYPED NAME Richard C. Allen	22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO
23. REMARKS	

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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

6.d. SERVICES PROVIDED BY NON-PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONERS

Services provided by non-physician practitioners 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.

Telemedicine Services

Distant Site Transmission Fee: Services provided via telemedicine by non-physician practitioners located at eligible distant sites shall be reimbursed a distant site transmission fee of \$5.00 in addition to the fee for the procedure code billed.

Originating Site Facility Fee: Eligible originating sites hosting, transmitting, or facilitating services provided by non-physician practitioners via telemedicine shall be reimbursed an originating site facility fee, according to the Department's fee schedule. An originating site may not bill for assisting the distant site provider with an examination.

Asynchronous Electronic Consultation: To be reimbursed for asynchronous electronic consultation, primary care medical providers (PCMPs) must use HCPCS code T1014, and specialists must use CPT code 99446.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The rates are effective for services on or after the date listed on the Attachment 4.19-B Introduction Page.

TN: 18-0019

Approval Date: June 18, 2018

Supersedes TN: 17-0005

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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

STATE OF COLORADO

Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A

LIMITATIONS TO CARE AND SERVICES

6.d. Other practitioners' services.

The following services are provided:

1. Services provided by State licensed Psychologists .
2. Services provided by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.
3. Services provided by Clinical Nurse Specialists.
4. Services provided by Physician Assistants.
5. Services provided by licensed Pharmacists.
 - a. Licensed Pharmacists administering vaccines in the state of Colorado must be certified in pharmacy based immunization delivery in compliance with the Colorado Board of Pharmacy Rules at 3 CCR 719 § 19.00.00 (2017).
 - b. Licensed Pharmacists that have entered into a Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreement for the purposes of administering antagonist injections must be certified in compliance with the Colorado Board of Pharmacy Rules at 3 CCR 719-1 § 17.00.00 (2017).