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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

March 4, 2016

Roderick Bremby, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Mr. Bremby:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 15-049, submitted to my office on December 29, 2015 and approved on February 26, 2016. This SPA amends Attachment 4.19B of the Connecticut State Plan in order to add reimbursement for medication administration prompting service performed by home health aides within home health agencies. This service is limited to only those beneficiaries who were receiving medication administration provided by a home health agency at least once per day.

This SPA has been approved effective October 1, 2015, as requested by the State.

Changes are reflected in the following sections of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 4.19B, Page 1(a)v

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Marie DiMartino (617) 565-9157 or by e-mail at Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Kate McEvoy, Director of Medical Administration - Health Services and Supports

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL
OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
15-049

2. STATE: CT

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, 2015

5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
Section 1905(a)(7) of the Social Security Act and
42 CFR 440.70

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2016 \$1,244,000 (cost)
b. FFY 2017 \$1,282,000 (cost)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19B Page 1(a)v

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT (If applicable)
Attachment 4.19B Page 1(a)v

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective October 1, 2015, this SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B in order to add reimbursement for medication administration prompting service performed by home health aides within home health agencies. This service is limited to only those beneficiaries who were receiving medication administration provided by a home health agency at least once a day. To the extent appropriate and medically necessary for each beneficiary, home health aide medication prompting is intended to replace some of the medication administration services currently performed by home health agency nurses.

11. 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:

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

/S/ [Redacted Signature]

16. RETURN TO:

State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue- 9th floor
Hartford, CT 06105
Attention: Ginny Mahoney

13. TYPED NAME: Roderick L. Bremby

14. TITLE: Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
December 29, 2015

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: December 29, 2015

18. DATE APPROVED: February 26, 2016

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
October 1, 2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/S/ [Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

OFFICIAL

State Connecticut

(7) Home Health Services –

(a) Intermittent or part-time nursing services provided by a home health agency or by a registered nurse when no home health agency exists in the area are provided with limitations.

(b) Home health aide services provided by a home health agency with limitations.

(d) Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility are provided with limitations.

The fee schedule for licensed home health care agencies for service (a), (b), and (d) above can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Home health service rates were set as of October 1, 2015 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published on the agency’s website. Any fee payable to a home health care agency may qualify for an add-on to the standard fee for the applicable home health service upon application by the agency evidencing extraordinary costs associated with (1) treating AIDS patients; (2) high risk maternal child health care; (3) escort security services or (4) extended hour services. The provider must complete the appropriate application form showing the incremental costs that the agency incurs for the service. The allowable added cost is divided by all projected visits with and without the additional special circumstance (i.e., 1, 2, 3 or 4 above). The Department may add or delete codes in order to remain compliant with HIPAA. In no case will the fee paid to an agency exceed the agency charge to the general public for similar services

(c) Medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in the home – The current fee schedule was set as of January 1, 2015 and is effective for services provided on or after that date, except that codes may be deleted or added in order to remain compliant with HIPAA. The fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” All governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same fee schedule.

(8) Private duty nursing services – Not provided.

TN # 15-049
Supersedes
TN # 15-016

Approval Date 2/26/16

Effective Date 10/01/2015