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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

April 6, 2017

Beth Kidder
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Mailstop #20
Tallahassee, FL 32308

ATTN: April Cook

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment 16-0006

Dear Ms. Kidder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Florida State Plan, submitted under transmittal number FL 16-0006. This amendment updates outdated language pertaining to hearing services coverage policy and the coverage requirements for hearing aid devices and cochlear implants.

Based on the information provided, this amendment was approved on April 6, 2017. The effective date is May 5, 2016. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA 179 and plan pages. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl L. Brimage at 404-562-7116 or by email at cheryl.brimage@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

//s//

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

<p align="center">TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</p> <p>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</p>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 2016-006	2. STATE Florida
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE May 5, 2016	
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 440.110		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: (in thousands)	
		FFY 2015-2016 \$0	
		FFY 2016-2017 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>):	
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Hearing Services			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED		Reviewed by the Deputy Secretary for Medicaid	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		who is the Governor's designee.	
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: //s//		16. RETURN TO:	
13. TYPED NAME: Mr. Justin M. Senior		Mr. Justin M. Senior	
14. TITLE: Deputy Secretary for Medicaid		Deputy Secretary for Medicaid	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 06/30/16		Agency for Health Care Administration	
		2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #8	
		Tallahassee, FL 32308	
		Attention: April Cook	
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 06/30/16		18. DATE APPROVED: 04/06/17	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 05/05/16		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: //s//	
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator	
		Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns	
23. REMARKS:			

Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of recipients under the age of 21 years, and
Treatment of conditions found:

5. 11c. Description

Hearing services are designed to provide screening, assessment, testing, or corrective services to recipients in order to detect and mitigate the impact of hearing loss in accordance with Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, section 440.110 (c).

Who Can Receive

Hearing services are available to Florida Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 years who require medically necessary hearing services.

Who Can Provide

Practitioners certified or licensed within their scope of practice:

- Audiologists licensed in accordance with Chapter 468, F.S.
- Physicians licensed in accordance with Chapter 458 or 459, F.S., with a specialty in otolaryngology or otology
- Audiology assistants or provisionally licensed individuals directly supervised by a federally qualified and Florida-licensed audiologist

Allowable Benefits

- The periodicity schedule for hearing services screening adheres to the Recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Committee on Screening and Ambulatory Medicine. The periodicity schedule also meets the requirements of Section 1905(r) of the Act. Benefits include:
 - Diagnostic audiological tests
 - Corrective services, when clinical improvement can be reasonably expected.
 - One routine hearing assessment or reassessment every three years. This limit can be exceeded based upon medical necessity.
 - Newborn and infant hearing screening up to one screening for recipients under the age of 12 months
- In accordance with section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act, codified in Title 42 of the United States Code 1396d(a), services that exceed coverage may be approved, if determined medically necessary. The provider is required to obtain prior authorization from the Agency for Health Care Administration or its designee.

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6. 12c. Description

Hearing devices are provided to recipients in order to mitigate the impact of hearing loss.

Who Can Receive

Hearing device services are available to Florida Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 years who require medically necessary hearing services.

Who Can Provide

In accordance with section 440.120, prosthetic devices must be prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts. Practitioners certified or licensed within their scope of practice include:

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Allowable Benefits

Hearing aid devices are available for recipients under the age of 21 years as determined medically necessary by a licensed otolaryngologist, otologist or general physician. Benefits include:

- BAHA up to one per ear with prior authorization by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) or its designee
- Cochlear implants up to one per ear with prior authorization by the AHCA or its designee
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HEARING SERVICES

Payment for hearing services are based on a state developed fee schedule, which is the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's hearing services rates were set as of 1/01/16, and are effective for services on or after this date. The fee schedules are published at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/review/fee_schedules.shtml

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