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**State/Territory Name: Georgia**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #:15-0001**

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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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June 22, 2015

Dr. Linda Wiant, Chief  
Medical Assistance Plans  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # GA 15-001

Dear Dr. Wiant:

We have reviewed the proposed Georgia State Plan Amendment 15-001, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on May 20, 2015. The SPA allows reimbursement to the federally qualified health centers and rural health centers for the purchase of long acting reimbursable contraceptives (LARCs) and separate reimbursement to the practitioners for the insertion of the LARCs.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment 15-001 was approved on June 19, 2015. The effective date of this amendment is May 15, 2015. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327 or [Yvette.Moore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Yvette.Moore@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 15-001	2. STATE GEORGIA
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: FQHC/RHC Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE May 15, 2015	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL ( <i>Check One</i> ):		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN                      AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN                      X AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT ( <i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i> )		
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Social Security Act Section 1902 (bb)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 2015 \$ 592,759 FFY 2016 \$2,766,209	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ):  Attachment 4.19B Pages 1b, 1b (a), 5q and 5q (a)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: FQHC and RHC Reimbursement for the Purchase of LARCs		

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT                       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Governor's Office review is not required.  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /s/	16. RETURN TO: Department of Community Health Division of Medicaid 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36 <sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159
13. TYPED NAME: Linda Wiant, Phar. D.	
14. TITLE: Chief, Division of Medical Assistance Plans	
15. DATE SUBMITTED:	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 05-20-15	18. DATE APPROVED: 06-19-15
<b>PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 05-15-15	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns

23. REMARKS: Approved with following changes to block # 8 and 9 authorized by the state on e-mail dated 06/01/15.

Block #8 changed to read: Attachment 4.19-B pages 1b, 1b(a), 5q and 5q(a) new

Block #8 changed to read: Attachment 4.19-B pages 1b, 1b(a), 5q

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2b. Rural Health Clinic Services (RHC) and Other Ambulatory Services

In accordance with Section 702 of the Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, effective January 1, 2001, reimbursement is provided for all RHC services ("core services") that are referenced in item 2b and 2c on page 1e of Attachment 3.1-A, and other ambulatory services (excluding in-house pharmacy services) at a prospective payment rate (PPS) per encounter. The rates will be calculated on a per visit basis and will reflect 100 percent of the average of the RHC's reasonable cost of providing Medicaid-covered services including other ambulatory services cost during FY 1999 and FY 2000. Those costs will be adjusted to take into account any increase (or decrease) in the scope of services furnished by the RHC during FY2001 for services that only occurred in calendar year 2000. Cost reports for the RHC's FY 1999 and FY 2000 periods will be used to establish the baseline rate for each RHC effective January 1, 2001. The baseline rate will be calculated by dividing the sum of the total reasonable cost of providing Medicaid covered services during FY 1999 and FY 2000 by the total Medicaid visits during the two fiscal years. Until the baseline rates are established, RHCs will be paid their interim rate effective December 31, 2000. When the baseline rates are established, they will be paid retroactive to January 1, 2001.

The baseline rates effective January 1, 2001 will be adjusted by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2001 based on the MEI and for changes in the RHC's scope of services during January 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001. For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 and FFYs thereafter, the per visit rate will be calculated by adjusting the previous year's rate by the MEI for primary care, and for changes in the RHC's scope of services during the prior FFY.

For newly qualified RHCs that participate in FY 2000 only, the Department will use the FY 2000 cost for calculating the baseline PPS rate effective January 1, 2001. Clinics that qualify after fiscal year 2000 will have their initial rates established by a statewide average of similar centers. After the initial year, payment will be set using the MEI and change of scope methods used for other clinics.

Effective July 1, 2013, RHCs that have a PPS rate less than the statewide average will have their PPS rate increased to be equal to the statewide average. This is an alternate payment methodology.

For purposes of this plan a change in scope of services is defined as a change in the type, intensity, duration and/or amount of services. It is the clinic's responsibility to recognize any changes in their scope of services and to notify the Department of those changes and to provide the Department with documentation of and projections for the cost and volume of the change.

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If an RHC provides core services pursuant to a contract between the center and a managed care entity (as defined in section 1932(a)(1)(B)), the State shall provide payment of a supplemental payment equal to the amount (if any) by which the PPS rate calculated above exceeds the amount of the payments provided under the contract. These supplemental payments shall be made pursuant to a payment schedule of four months or less agreed to by the State and the Rural Health Clinic.

An alternative payment methodology is established for services furnished in Rural Health Clinics located at Critical Access Hospitals. The reimbursement methodology will follow the provisions established in Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8.1 (Outpatient Hospital). All clinics affected by this methodology have agreed and their payments will at least equal the amount they would have received under the PPS methodology.

Effective for dates of services on or after May 15, 2015, RHCs may elect to receive reimbursement for Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs) (specifically intrauterine devices and single rod implantable devices) for contraceptive purposes.

Reimbursement for the LARCs shall be made in accordance with the following:

- i. To the extent that the LARCs were purchased under the 340B Drug Pricing Program, the RHC must bill the actual acquisition cost for the device.
- ii. Reimbursement shall be made at the RHC's actual 340B acquisition cost for LARCs purchased through the 340B program. For LARCs not purchased through the 340B program, reimbursement shall be made at the lower of the provider's charges or the rate on the Department's practitioner fee schedule, whichever is applicable.
- iii. Reimbursement is separate from any encounter payment the RHC may receive for LARCs.

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2c. Federally Qualified Health Center (FOHC) Services

In accordance with Section 702 of the Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, effective January 1, 2001, reimbursement is provided for all FQHC services ("core services") referenced in items 2b and 2c on page 1e of Attachment 3.1-A, and other ambulatory services (excluding in-house pharmacy services) at a prospective payment rate (PPS) per encounter. The rates will be calculated on a per visit basis and will reflect 100 percent of the average FQHC's reasonable cost of providing Medicaid-covered services including other ambulatory services cost during FY 1999 and FY 2000. Those costs will be adjusted to take into account any increase (or decrease) in the scope of services furnished by the FQHC during FY 2001 for services that only occurred in calendar year 2000. Cost reports for the FQHC's FY 1999 and FY 2000 periods will be used to establish the baseline rate for each FQHC effective January 1, 2001. The baseline rate will be calculated by dividing the sum of the total reasonable cost of providing Medicaid covered services during FY 1999 and FY 2000 by the total Medicaid visits during the two fiscal years. Until the baseline rates are established, FQHCs will be paid their interim rate effective December 31, 2000. When the baseline rates are established, they will be paid retroactive to January 1, 2001.

The baseline rates effective January 1, 2001 will be adjusted by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2001 based on the MEI and for changes in the FQHC's scope of services during January 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001. For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 and FFYs thereafter, the per visit rate will be calculated by adjusting the previous year's rate by the MEI for primary care, and for changes in the FQHC's scope of services during the prior FFY.

For newly qualified FQHCs that participate in FY 2000 only, the Department will use the FY 2000 cost for calculating the baseline PPS rate effective January 1, 2001. Centers that qualify after fiscal year 2000 will have their initial rates established by a statewide average of similar centers. After the initial year, payment will be set using the MEI and change of scope methods used for other clinics.

Effective July 1, 2013, FQHCs that have a PPS rate less than the statewide average will have their PPS rate increased to be equal to the statewide average. This is an alternate payment methodology

For purposes of this plan, a change in scope of services is defined as a change in the type, intensity, duration and/or amount of services. It is the center's responsibility to recognize any changes in their scope of services and to notify the Department of those changes and to provide the Department with documentation and projections of the cost and volume impact of the change.

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Reimbursement for the LARCs shall be made in accordance with the following:

- i. To the extent that the LARCs were purchased under the 340B Drug Pricing Program, the FQHC must bill the actual acquisition cost for the device.
- ii. Reimbursement shall be made at the FQHC's actual 340B acquisition cost for LARCs purchased through the 340B program. For LARCs not purchased through the 340B program, reimbursement shall be made at the lower of the provider's charges or the rate on the Department's practitioner fee schedule, whichever is applicable.
- iii. Reimbursement is separate from any encounter payment the FQHC may receive for LARCs.