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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 15-0016

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Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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April 18, 2016

Shannon McMahon, Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Room 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Ms. McMahon:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 15-0016. This SPA updates Maryland's State Plan to merge the telemedicine program and telemental health program into one Telehealth Program.

The effective date for this amendment is October 1, 2015. The CMS 179 form and the Approved State Plan pages are attached.

If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Lieutenant Commander Andrea Cunningham of my staff at 215-861-4325.

Sincerely,

/S/

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-0016	2. STATE Maryland
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2015	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		

5. TYPE OF 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: N/A	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2015: \$ 0 b. FFY 2016: \$ 0
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Att. 3.1A pages 9C-1, and 9C-2, (AMEND)(DELETE) Att. 3.1A pages 17C, 17D (AMEND – remove telemental health) & 17E (DELETE) Att. 4.19B page 6A (DELETE) Att. 4.19B pg 3A (AMEND)	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Att. 3.1A pages 9C-1, and 9C-2, Att. 3.1A pages 17C, 17D & 17E Att. 4.19B page 6A Att. 4.19B page 3A

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: To merge telemedicine and telemental health services into one telehealth program, as it is within our regulations.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL Office of Health Services

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /S/	16. RETURN TO: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director OHS – DHMH 201 W. Preston St., 1 st floor Baltimore, MD 21201
13. TYPED NAME: Shannon McMahon	
14. TITLE: Deputy Secretary, Office of Health Care Financing	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 11/19/2015	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 11/19/2015	18. DATE APPROVED: April 18, 2016
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: October 1, 2015	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /S/
21. TYPED NAME: FRANCIS T. MCCULLOUGH	22. TITLE: ASSOCIATE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, DMCHO

23. REMARKS: Per the request of State Medicaid officials, pen and ink changes were made to box 8 to indicate the deletion of Attachment 3.1A pg 9C-1 & 9C-2.

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

STATE OF MARYLAND

PROGRAM	LIMITATIONS
<p>5. Physicians' services whether furnished in the office, the patient's home, a hospital, a skilled nursing facility or elsewhere.</p>	<p>2. Cosmetic surgery - Preauthorization will determine whether there is medical documentation that the physical anomaly being addressed by the surgery represents a significant deviation from the normal state and affects the patient's health to a degree that it impairs his or her ability to function in society;</p> <p>3. Consultations provided by physicians specializing in radiology or pathology;</p> <p>4. Lipectomy and panniculectomy - Preauthorization will determine whether there is an abnormal amount of redundant skin and subcutaneous tissue which is causing significant health problems for the patient;</p> <p>5. Transplantation of vital organs;</p> <p>6. Surgical procedures for the treatment of morbid obesity; and</p> <p>7. Elective services from a non-contiguous state.</p>

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UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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PROGRAM	LIMITATIONS
<p>5. Physicians' services whether furnished in the office, the patient's home, a hospital, a skilled nursing facility or elsewhere.</p>	<p>E. Certain surgical procedures identified under "Inpatient Services" (Attachment 3.1A page 12B number 11) must be preauthorized when performed on a hospital inpatient basis unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The patient is already a hospital inpatient for a medically necessary condition unrelated to the surgical procedure requiring preauthorization, <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. An unrelated procedure which requires hospitalization is being performed simultaneously.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
ACT State of Maryland

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Telehealth Services

Effective for services provided on or after October 1, 2013, payments for the telehealth originating site transmission fee are:

- 1) 100 percent of Medicare when provided in community out-patient settings or nursing facility; or
- 2) 94 percent of the Health Services Cost Review Commission rate when provided in a hospital setting. HSCRC rates located at:
http://www.hscrc.maryland.gov/hsp_Rates2.cfm

All services provided via telehealth distant site are reimbursed at the same rate as in-person services.

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