

Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

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Ronald Levy, Director
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Dear Mr. Levy:

On May 4, 2010, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #10-05, which proposes to change the term "recipients" to "participants" and the title "Division of Medical Services" to "MO HealthNet Division." The SPA also revises covered ancillary services to reflect coverage specified in the NEMT contract, such as meals and lodging as part of the transportation package for participants when the participant requires a particular medical service which is only available in another city, county, or state and the distance and travel time warrant staying in the place overnight. For children under the age of 21, ancillary services may include an attendant and/or parent/guardian to accompany the child. Additionally, this SPA removes actuarial soundness from the non-emergency transportation rate methodology. Changes did not impact the capitation payment; therefore, no costs are associated with this amendment. This SPA replaces the information on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 9-1, 9-2, 9-6 and 9-7.

This SPA was approved July 30, 2010 with an effective date of July 1, 2010 as requested by the State.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form as well as the approved page for incorporation into the Missouri State plan.

I appreciate the work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me at (816)426-5925 or have your staff contact Rhonda Wells or Debbie Read at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

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