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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 14-0025

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 East 12th Street, Suite 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

January 27, 2015

Brian Kinkade, Director
Missouri Department of Social Services
Broadway State Office Building
P.O. Box 1527
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1527

Dear Mr. Kinkade:

On October 6, 2014 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #14-0025, which allows physician assistants to become MO HealthNet providers. On December 16, 2014, the Regional Office (RO) sent a request for additional information (RAI). The state responded to the RAI on January 9, 2015.

This SPA was approved on January 23, 2015, with an effective date of October 1, 2014, as requested by the State. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Missouri State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me at (816)426-5925 or have your staff contact Kevin Slaven at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

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James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Joe Parks
Debbie Meller

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

1 4 -- 2 5

2. STATE
Missouri

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

October 1, 2014

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:

42 CFR Part 440

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2015 \$ 0
b. FFY 2016 \$ 0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 3.1-A Page 12aa, 12aaa
Attachment 4.19-B Page 9aa

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDES PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

New material not applicable

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds language to allow physician assistants to become MO HealthNet providers. Senate Bill (SB) 716 passed by the Missouri 97th General Assembly allows physician assistants to become MO HealthNet providers while acting under a supervision agreement between a physician and physician assistant.

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:

16: RETURN TO:

13. TYPE NAME: Brian Kinkade

14. TITLE: Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

MO HealthNet Division
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: October 6, 2014

18: DATE APPROVED: January 23, 2015

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

October 1, 2104

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

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21. TYPED NAME:

James G. Scott

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS:

State: Missouri

6.d. Other Practitioner's services

Physician Assistant

A physician assistant may enroll as a MO Health Net provider and provide services within their scope of practice referenced in Section 334.735 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

A physician assistant is a person who:

- has graduated from a physician assistant program accredited by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or by its successor agency,
- has passed the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants,
- has active certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, and
- provides health care services delegated by a licensed physician.

A physician assistant shall only practice at a location where a physician routinely provides patient care, except existing patients of the supervising physician in the patient's home. The supervising physician must be immediately available in person or via telecommunication during the time the physician assistant is providing patient care. Appropriate supervision shall require the supervising physician to be working within the same facility as the physician assistant for at least four hours within one calendar day for every fourteen days on which the physician assistant provides patient care. The requirement of appropriate supervision shall be applied so that no more than thirteen calendar days in which a physician assistant provides patient care shall pass between the physician's four hours working within the same facility. A supervision agreement shall limit a physician assistant to practice only at locations where the supervising physician is no further than fifty miles by road using the most direct route available and where the location is not so situated as to create an impediment to effective intervention and supervision of patient care or adequate review of services.

Their scope of practice includes:

- Taking patient histories;
- Performing physical examinations of a patient;

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Physician Assistant

- Performing or assisting in the performance of routine office laboratory and patient screening procedures;
- Performing routine therapeutic procedures;
- Recording diagnostic impressions and evaluating situations calling for attention of a physician to institute treatment procedures;
- Instructing and counseling patients regarding mental and physical health using procedures reviewed and approved by a licensed physician;
- Assisting the supervising physician in institutional settings, including reviewing of treatment plans, ordering of tests and diagnostic laboratory and radiological services, and ordering of therapies, using procedures reviewed and approved by a licensed physician;
- Assisting in surgery;
- Performing such other tasks not prohibited by law under the supervision of a licensed physician as the physician's assistant has been trained and is proficient to perform; and
- Physician assistants shall not perform or prescribe abortions.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICES

The state agency will establish fee schedules based on the reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet Division. The determination and reimbursement of reasonable charge will be in conformance with the standards and methods as expressed in 42 CFR 447 Subpart F. Agency payment will be the lower of:

- (1) The provider's actual charge for the service; or
- (2) The allowable fee based on reasonable charge as above determined.

For certain specified diagnostic laboratory services included under the Title XVIII Medicare fee schedule, and when provided in a physician assistant's place of service, Medicaid payment will not exceed the maximum allowable Medicare payment.

The state agency will reimburse providers of physician assistant services to the extent of the deductible and coinsurance as imposed under Title XVIII for those Medicaid eligible recipient-patients who also have Medicare Part B eligibility.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both public and private providers of physician assistant services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 14, 2014, and is effective for services provided on or after July 14, 2014. The fee schedule and any annual periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published at:
<https://dssapp3.dss.mo.gov/FeeSchedules/fsmain.aspx>.