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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

August 29, 2014

Dr. David J. Dzielak
Executive Director
Mississippi Division of Medicaid
550 High Street, Suite 1000
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1399

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment, MS 14-018

Dear Dr. Dzielak:

We have reviewed the proposed Mississippi State Plan Amendment 14-018, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on June 11, 2014. This SPA was submitted to revise the reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment (DME) and medical supplies when the Medicare rate is not sufficient to provide access to care for the Mississippi beneficiaries.

Based on the information provided, Medicaid State Plan Amendment MS 14-008 was approved on August 29, 2014. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2014. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Sheila Brady at (601) 965-4056 or Sheila.Brady@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

//s//

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

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-018	2. STATE MS
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 07/01/2014	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND 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: 42CFR §§ 447.201, 447.204, 447.325	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FY 2014: \$0.00 FY 2015: \$0.00
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19, Exhibit A Pages 10 and 11	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19, Exhibit A Pages 10 and 11

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-018 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supply Reimbursement is being submitted to revise the payment methodology for DME and medical supplies effective July 1, 2014.

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

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /s/	16. RETURN TO: David J. Dzielak Miss. Division of Medicaid Attn: Kristi Plotner 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201-1399
13. TYPED NAME: David J. Dzielak	
14. TITLE: Executive Director	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 06/11/2014	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 06-11-14	18. DATE APPROVED: 08-29-14
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 07-01-14	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns

23. REMARKS:

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VIII. Durable Medical Equipment

- A. The payment for the purchase of new Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1 of each year and effective for services provided on or after July 1. The statewide uniform fee schedule will be calculated using eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule in effect on January 1 of each year.
1. If there is no DMEPOS fee the item will be priced at the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) minus twenty percent (20%).
 2. If there is no MSRP the item will be priced at the provider's invoice plus twenty percent (20%).
 3. If one (1) and two (2) do not apply, then a fee will be calculated using market research from the area.
- B. The payment for rental of DME is made from a statewide uniform fee schedule based on ten percent (10%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A not to exceed ten (10) months. After rental benefits are paid for ten (10) months, the DME becomes the property of the Mississippi Medicaid beneficiary unless otherwise authorized by the Division of Medicaid through specific coverage criteria.
- C. The payment for purchase of used DME is made from a statewide uniform fee schedule not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A.
- D. The payment for repair of DME is the cost of the repair, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A.
- E. The payment for other individual consideration items must receive prior approval of the Division and shall be limited to the amount authorized in that approval.

All terms of the Division's Durable Medical Equipment Reimbursement and Coverage Criteria are applicable.

DME for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in this Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraphs.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of DME. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.

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Medical Supplies

- A. The payment for the purchase of Medical Supplies is the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from a statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1 of each year and effective for services provided on or after July 1. The statewide uniform fee schedule will be calculated using eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule in effect on January 1 of each year.
1. If there is no DMEPOS fee the item will be priced at the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) minus twenty percent (20%).
 2. If there is no MSRP the item will be priced at the provider's invoice plus twenty percent (20%).
 3. If one (1) and two (2) do not apply, then a fee will be calculated using market research from the area.
- B. The payment for other individual consideration items must receive prior approval of the Division and shall be limited to the amount authorized in that approval.

All terms of the Division's Medical Supplies Reimbursement and Coverage Criteria are applicable.

Medical Supplies for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in this Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraphs.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of DME. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.