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March 8, 2018

Marie Matthews, Medicaid & CHIP Director
Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services
P.O. Box 4210
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Re: SPA MT-17-0026

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have approved the State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number MT-17-0026. The amendment implements a statewide 2.99% rate reduction for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies, with the effective fee schedule date reflected on Montana's Attachment 4.19B Introduction Page.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved on March 7, 2018, with an effective date of January 1, 2018. We are enclosing the summary page and the amended plan page(s).

The State assures that the change in reimbursement for DME and Supplies is not expected to have an effect on access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries. The State provided evidence from analysis reflected in a revised Addendum to Montana Medicaid 2016 Access Monitoring Plan that revealed consistent beneficiary utilization and provider enrollment for the benefit. Based on this information, CMS infers that the amendment does not affect consistency with the access to care requirements described in §1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act. While this SPA results in an overall decrease in State expenditures for DME and Supplies, it was determined to be a nominal change in overall reimbursement as described in State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) #17-004.

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, Montana should follow the CMS-64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

For those individuals whose expenditures qualify for the newly eligible federal medical assistance percentage, report on the Form CMS-64.9 VIII and those not enrolled in the new adult group, claims should be reported on the Form CMS-64.9.

For DME and Supplies, the expenditures should be reported on: Line 12 – Home Health Services.


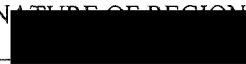
If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Barbara Prehmus at (303) 844-7472.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Sheila Hogan, Department Director
Mary Eve Kulawik

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-0026	2. STATE Montana
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		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 01/01/2018	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: SECTION 1902(a)(30)(A) 42 CFR 440.70(3)		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2018: \$ 0 b. FFY 2019: \$ 0 c. FFY 2020: \$ 0 Amounts are reflected on the MT 17-0003 Reimbursement Introduction Page.	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachments 4.19 B, Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates, Service 7.C, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies, Pages 1 & 2 of 2		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachments 4.19 B, Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates, Service 7.C, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies, Pages 1 & 2 of 2	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Medicare payment rates will decrease to 97.01%; and services paid by Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price and a provider's usual and customary charge methods will decrease to 72.8%.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Single Agency Director Review	
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Marie Matthews Attn: Mary Eve Kulawik PO Box 4210 Helena MT 59620	
13. TYPED NAME: Marie Matthews			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 2-24-18			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: December 26, 2017		18. DATE APPROVED: March 7, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE: ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS:			

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- I. Reimbursement for Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies shall not exceed the lower of:
- A. The provider's Usual and Customary Charge (UCC) amount submitted on the claim to Medicaid; or
 - B. The Department's Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule, which will include fees set and maintained according to the following methodology:
 - 1. 97.01% of the Medicare Region D allowable fee;
 - 2. For all items for which no Medicare allowable fee is available, the Department's fee schedule amount will be 72.8% of the provider's usual and customary charge;
 - 3. The amount of the provider's usual and customary charge may not exceed the reasonable charge usually and customarily charged by the provider to all payers:
 - The charge will be considered reasonable if less than or equal to the manufacturer's suggested list price. The Department's policy base for the percentage of charges methodology is the MSRP. A similar method is used by Noridian, the Jurisdiction D, DME MAC.
 - For items without a manufacturer's suggested list price, the charge will be considered reasonable if the provider's acquisition cost from the manufacturer is at least 50% of the charge amount.
 - For items that are custom fabricated at the place of service, the amount charges will be considered reasonable if it does not exceed the average charge of all Medicaid provider's by more than 20%.
 - Items having no product retail list price, such as items customized by the provider, will be reimbursed at 72.8% of the provider's usual and customary charge as defined above; or
 - 4. The Department's DMEPOS Fee Schedule for items billed under generic or miscellaneous codes will be 72.8% of the provider's usual and customary charge as defined above.
 - 5. Rental items are limited to a 13-month rental period.
 - Rental for items needing frequent servicing as classified by Medicare can be rented as long as the medical necessity exists.

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- Rental fees include all necessary supplies needed to operate rented equipment for the month unless supplies are allowed by Medicare.
- Total Medicaid rental reimbursement for items in Medicare's capped rental program or classified by Medicare as routine and inexpensive rental will be limited to 105% of the purchase price for that item. Monthly rental fees will be limited to 10% of the purchase price and payments will be limited up to 13 months or less as outlined in Chapter 5 of the Region D Medicare Supplier Manual. Items will be paid on a rental basis for up to 13 months or up to purchase price, whichever comes first. For purposes of this limit, the purchase price is the purchase fee specified in the department's fee schedule. Rental fees can be found on the Department's fee schedule under the appropriate HCPCS code with an RR modifier attached.

II. Reimbursement for home infusion therapy shall not exceed the lowest of:

1. The provider's usual and customary charge of the therapy to the general public; or
2. The Medicaid fee established and listed on the fee schedule as a daily rate for home infusion therapy providers. Daily rates for various therapies were established based on the usual and customary charges reported by home infusion therapy providers in the State of Montana. The daily rate for each therapy was derived by averaging the individual provider charges. The Department worked with providers to reach agreement on reimbursement for individuals' infusion therapies.

III. The agency's rates were set as of the date on the Attachment 4.19B Introduction Page and are published on the agency's website www.medicicaidprovider.mt.gov. Unless otherwise noted in the plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.