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Ms. Marie Matthews
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Re: Montana 18-0002

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0002. Effective for services on or after March 1, 2018, this amendment updates the fee schedule to the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities' (PRTFs) bundled psychiatric service rate.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment TN 18-0002 is approved effective March 1, 2018. The HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Storey at (303) 844-7044.

Sincerely.

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A. DIRECT CARE WAGE

The Direct Care Wage Supplemental Annual Payments provide additional funding paid to in-state Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) providers, to increase the wages and benefits of their direct care workers. The intent is to enhance service delivery by supporting hiring and retention of qualified direct care staff.

The amount available to each provider is calculated as follows:

- The number of Direct Care Workers (DCWs) reported by each provider per service type, is adjusted based on the percentage of Medicaid youth served by the provider in each service.
- 2. The adjusted number of DCWs per provider is then allocated as a percentage of the total number of Medicaid DCWs.
- 3. Based on the percentage of DCWs, each provider is allocated its share of appropriation to be distributed.
- 4. Provider DCWs x Medicaid percentage) / Total Number of Medicaid DCWs) x Appropriation Amount (\$389,348).
- 5. The data are updated from the previous fiscal year, prior to payment. The provider certifies that funds expended and being requested for reimbursement are solely used for DCW wage rate increases paid or wage adjustments paid and related payroll benefit expenses.

B. MONTANA MEDICALD REIMBURSEMENT FOR PRTF

PRTF services must be authorized by the Department or the Department's utilization, review contractor.

Reimbursement will be made to a PRTF provider for no more than 14 patient days per youth per State Fiscal Year for reserving a bed while the youth is temporarily absent for a Therapeutic Home Visit (THV). A THV is three days or less, unless authorized by the Department.

1. IN-STATE PRTF REIMBURSEMENT

- a. In-State PRTF Bundled Per Diem Rate
 The bundled per diem rate is a set fee. The bundled per diem rate
 was set as of March 1, 2018, and is effective for services on or
 after that date. All rates are published on the Department's
 website at www.medicaidprovider.mt.gov. Unless otherwise noted in
 the State Plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for
 both governmental and private providers.
 - i. The in-state PRTF bundled per diem rate INCLUDES:
 - Services, therapies and items related to treating the youth's psychiatric condition;
 - Services provided by licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional counselors;
 - Psychological testing;

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- · Psychotropic medication and related lab services; and
- · Support services necessary for daily living and safety.
- ii. The in-state PRTF bundled per diem rate DOES NOT INCLUDE:
 - Physician, psychiatrist and mid-level practitioner services;
 - Non-psychotropic medication and related lab services;
 - Mental health center evaluations for transition age youth to determine whether or not they qualify for adult mental health services and have Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI); and
 - Ancillary services as described in each specific State Plan service in Attachments 4.19B, whether these ancillary services are provided by the PRTF or by a different provider under arrangement with the PRTF.

Medicald payment is not allowable for treatment or services unless provided in a hospital-based or free standing PRTF as defined in Service 16 of the Supplement to Attachments 3.1A and 3.1B of Montana Medicald State Plan.

b. PRTF Assessment Service (PRTF-AS) Rate
PRTF-AS services are reimbursed at a higher rate than the bundled
PRTF per diem rate. PRTF-AS services are provided by in-state PRTFs
and are short-term lengths of stay of 14 days or less. The
Department increased the daily PRTF rate 15% for assessment services
to incentivize in-state PRTFs to evaluate youth with Serious
Emotional Disturbance who have multiple and special treatment needs,
and to offset the higher professional staff expenses in a short PRTF
stay. Fifteen percent was a negotiated amount between the Department
and providers.

If short-term PRTF-AS services will not meet the youth's needs, a regular PRTF authorization will be requested and the PRTF bundled per diem rate will be paid instead of the higher PRTF-AS rate.

- c. <u>Hospital-Based PRTF Continuity of Care Payment</u>
 In-state hospital-based PRTFs receive a continuity of care payment as defined in Montana Medicaid State Plan 4.19A.
- 2. OUT-OF-STATE PRTF REIMBURSEMENT
 Out of State PRTFs will be reimbursed a percentage, determined by the department, of their usual and customary charges, not to exceed the percentage published at www.medicaidprovider.mt.gov and not to exceed 100% of the PRTF's cost of doing business. Services included in the out-of-state PRTF bundled per diem rate are effective March 1, 2018.
 - a. The out-of-state PRTF bundled per diem rate INCLUDES:
 - All services, therapies and items related to treating the youth's condition, unless specifically noted;

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- ii. Services provided by physicians, psychiatrists, mid-level practitioners, licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional counselors;
- iii. Psychological testing;
- iv. Pharmacy and lab services; and
- v. Support services necessary for daily living and safety.
- b. The out-of-state PRTF bundled per diem rate DOES NOT INCLUDE:
 - i. Montana mental health center evaluations for transition age youth to determine whether they qualify for adult mental health services and have a SDMI; and
 - ii. Ancillary services as described in each specific State Plan service in Attachments 4.19B, provided by a different provider under arrangement with the PRTF.