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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

October 22, 2014

Nicholas A. Toumpas, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
State of New Hampshire
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: New Hampshire SPA TN 14-012

Dear Commissioner Toumpas,

Enclosed is an approved copy of New Hampshire's (NH) State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-012, which was submitted to CMS on September 25, 2014 and entitled "*Remove Psychotherapy Service Limits.*" SPA 14-012 transmitted a proposed amendment to New Hampshire's approved Title XIX State Plan to remove the psychotherapy service limits for the current Medicaid population for those psychotherapy services not affiliated with outpatient hospital services.

Transmittal # 14-012

--Remove Psychotherapy Service Limits
--Effective August 15, 2014

If there are questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at (617) 565-1220 or by e-mail at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure/s

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6a. Podiatrists' Services

Payment for the services of licensed podiatrists is limited to four (4) visits per recipient per state fiscal year. Limits may be exceeded if prior authorization is granted by the Department based on medical necessity.

Podiatrist services shall be covered for medical and surgical treatments of the foot and lower leg for pathological conditions of the foot due to localized illness, injury, or symptoms involving the foot. Prevention and reduction of corns, calluses, and warts are covered if by cutting or surgical means only. Other licensed podiatrist services include routine foot care and trimming and burring of nails, including mycotic nails, performed by a podiatrist provided that:

The recipient's primary health care provider has documented in the recipient's medical record the the recipient's current medical condition justifies the need for such foot care to be performed by a podiatrist; and

The primary health care provider has written a referral to a podiatrist for such care, and the referral is maintained in the recipient's record.

6b. Optometrists' Services

Payment to state licensed optometrists or ophthalmologists for refraction is limited to one (1) per recipient per state fiscal year whether the provider is a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. The limit may be exceeded if prior authorization is granted by the Department based on medical necessity.

6c. Chiropractors' Services

Not provided

6d. Other Practitioners' Services

Clinical Psychologist

Treatment provided by a licensed clinical psychologist, who is not on the staff of a community mental health center, is unlimited except for psychotherapy treatment affiliated with outpatient hospital services. Clinical psychologist services (in combination with ARNP and pastoral counselor services in 6d, and physician services in 5a) that are affiliated with outpatient hospital visits are limited to 12 per recipient per state fiscal year, except for emergency department (ED) and urgent care visits, which are not limited. Limits may be exceeded if prior authorization is granted by the Department based on medical necessity.

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Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners

Section 6405 of P.L. 101-239 (OBRA 1989) is met by ARNP. Treatment provided by advanced registered nurse practitioners (known as advanced practice registered nurses-APRN's-in NH) who meet state licensure requirements is unlimited except for psychotherapy treatment affiliated with outpatient hospital services. ARNP psychotherapy services (in combination with clinical psychologist and pastoral counselor services in 6d, and physician services in 5a) that are affiliated with outpatient hospital visits are limited to 12 per recipient per state fiscal year, except for emergency department (ED) and urgent care visits, which are not limited. Limits may be exceeded if prior authorization is granted by the Department based on medical necessity.

Certified Midwives

Midwife services comprised of the necessary supervision, care, and advice provided to women during the pregnancy, labor and postpartum period, and including care of the newborn, shall be provided pursuant to RSA 326-D and by individuals certified to practice midwifery in New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 326-D:6. For purposes of this Title XIX state plan service, certified midwives shall be considered the equivalent of licensed practitioners per CMS.

Pastoral Counselors

Psychotherapy services provided by a licensed pastoral counselor, who is not on the staff of a community mental health center, is unlimited except for psychotherapy treatment affiliated with outpatient hospital services. Pastoral counselor psychotherapy services (in combination with clinical psychologist and ARNP services in 6d, and physician services in 5a) that are affiliated with outpatient hospital visits are limited to 12 per recipient per state fiscal year, except for emergency department (ED) and urgent care visits, which are not limited. Limits may be exceeded if prior authorization is granted by the Department based on medical necessity.

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PAYMENT RATES FOR ALL TYPES OF CARE OTHER THAN INPATIENT HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING, OR INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE SERVICES

4. Family Planning Services – Payment for these services is provided in accordance with the same principles of reimbursement developed for the specific types of practitioners and/or services described elsewhere in the state plan which are considered to qualify as family planning services. For example, those types of individual practitioner's services which qualify as family planning services are paid in accordance with #5 and #6 below. All fee schedules are accessible at www.nhmmis.nh.gov, under the "documents and forms" tab under "documentation," and are applicable to all public and private providers.
5. Physician Services – Payment is made in accordance with a fee schedule established by the department pursuant to NH RSA 161:4, VI. Rates were last updated as of January 14, 2014, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. No provider shall bill or charge the department more than the provider's usual and customary charge. All fee schedules are accessible at www.nhmmis.nh.gov, under the "documents and forms" tab under "documentation," and are applicable to all public and private providers.
6. Services of Other Licensed Practitioners – Payment for all types of other licensed practitioners is made in accordance with a fee schedule established by the department pursuant to NH RSA 161:4, VI. Rates were last updated as of January 14, 2014, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. No provider shall bill or charge the department more than the provider's usual and customary charge. All fee schedules are accessible at www.nhmmis.nh.gov, under the "documents and forms" tab under "documentation," and are applicable to all public and private providers.

Note: When it is stated that "rates were last updated as of," this indicates the most recent date rates were changed on one or more codes for the type of service/practitioner in question. It is not meant to imply that all of the codes pertaining to the type of service/practitioner in question were changed or reviewed.

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