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**State/Territory Name: Puerto Rico**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 15-0001**

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September 9, 2015

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Dear Mr. Colon:

We have completed our review of the submission of Puerto Rico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-0001 which was received in our office on June 26, 2015 and find it acceptable for incorporation into Puerto Rico's Medicaid State Plan. This Family Planning SPA was submitted to include contraceptives prescription drugs effective April 1, 2015.

Please note that the approval date of this SPA is September 9, 2015 with an effective date of April 1, 2015. Copy of the approved State Plan pages and the signed CMS-179 are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse M. Salce at (212) 616-2411.

Sincerely,



Michael Melendez  
Associate Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Padilla:

This letter is being sent as a companion to our approval of your Puerto Rico State Plan Amendment (SPA 15-0001), approved on September 9, 2015. During our processing of PR SPA 15-0001, we also reviewed the services that appeared on the submitted pages and the associated coverage provisions corresponding to those same services. Based on that review, we determined that Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B page 8 are not in compliance with current CMS regulations, statute, or guidance.

Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires that states have a state plan for medical assistance that meets certain federal requirements that set out a framework for the state program. Implementing regulations at 42 CFR 430.10 require that the state plan be a comprehensive written statement containing all information necessary for CMS to determine whether the plan can be approved as a basis for Federal financial participation (FFP) in the state program.

To that end, CMS welcomes the opportunity to work with you and your staff to discuss options for resolving concerns as outlined below:

**Dental Services:**

Attachment 3.1-A & 3.1-B, Page 8, Item 10 (Dental Benefit):

1. Please provide responses to the sufficiency questions below:
  - a. **BACKGROUND.** What was the reason for these limitations? If the reason for the limitations is duplication of services, abuse or inappropriate utilization, please provide the evidence that supports this reasoning. What other

approaches/initiatives/processes have you tried or considered to address this matter?

- b. **PURPOSE.** What is the clinical purpose of the dental benefit and how has that purpose been achieved with these limitations?
- c. **DATA SUPPORT** With respect to existing limitations and using data within the last 12 months, what percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries utilized the maximum amount of the service? Please provide this information for the following eligibility groups:
  - Aged, Blind and Disabled
  - Non-Dually Eligible Adults (for analyses of services for which Medicare would not be primary payer, otherwise the analysis would include dually eligible individuals)
  - Pregnant Women
  - Parents/Caretakers/Other Non-Disabled Adults
  - Adult expansion group
- d. **CLINICAL SUPPORT.** If the data requested above is not available, or is not relevant to demonstrate the sufficiency of the limited benefit, please indicate support for the scope of services through clinical literature or evidence-based practice guidelines, or describe your consultation with your provider community or others that resulted in an assurance that this scope of services has meaningful clinical merit to achieve its intended purpose.
- e. **EXCEPTIONS.** Are there any exemptions to the proposed limitations? If so, how was this exemption determined to be appropriate? Does PR have a process for granting other exemptions if similar circumstances warrant? (e.g., if there is an exemption for individuals with one condition because their needs are greater, is there a process for other individuals with conditions that result in greater needs to request an exemption?) Can additional services beyond the proposed limits be provided based on a determination of medical necessity? That is, will there be an exception or prior authorization process for beneficiaries that require services beyond the limitations?
- f. **BENEFICIARY IMPACT.** Please describe how beneficiaries were impacted by these limitations. If the limitations cannot be exceeded based on a determination of medical necessity:
  - How have those affected by the limitations obtained the medical services they need beyond the stated limits?
  - Are beneficiary's billed and expected to pay for any care that may not be covered? Or, instead is the provider or practitioner expected to absorb the costs of the provided services?
- g. **DELIVERY SYSTEM.** Do the limitations apply to services performed through managed care contracts, fee-for-service (FFS) or both? If applied in managed care, indicate whether or not the capitation rates were adjusted to reflect the change.
- h. **TRACKING.** How are the limitations tracked? Are both providers and beneficiaries informed in advance so they know they have reached the limit? Please summarize the process.

2. Item (K), on page 8, indicates a limitation for prophylaxis for adults is the same as for children. It is not clear why this limitation is included. Further, children in EPSDT must receive all medically necessary 1905(a) benefits. Inclusion in the state plan with a limitation appears, to run afoul of the EPSDT assurance. The comments in this item apply to the remaining questions below.
3. Item (L), on page 8, indicates a more robust fluoride benefit for individuals age 19 and under. It is not permissible to target a population based on age per comparability requirements at 1902(a) (10) (B). That being said if PR is serving all individuals under age 21 this could be viewed as EPSDT. However, children in EPSDT must receive all medically necessary 1905(a) benefits. Please clarify if this benefit is for all individuals under the age of 21?
4. Item (M), on page 8, indicates a limitation based on age for fissure sealants including deciduous molars. Once again, it is not permissible to target a population based on age per comparability requirements at 1902(a) (10) (B). If this benefit were provided to all individuals under the age of 21 it would not run afoul of comparability requirements because it would be provided via EPSDT. It may be that the services described are no longer effective once a child has reached a developmental milestone (this would be described in your medical necessity criteria and not in the state plan pages). If this is the case, please provide the medical rationale for the limitation.
5. At the bottom of page 8, PR provides anesthesia for children with a 'special condition'.
  - a. Please describe the special condition
  - b. Please confirm that children is meant to include the entire EPSDT population
  - c. Please clarify whether or not the adult population receives anesthesia.

The State has 90 days from the date of this letter – until 12/09/2015 – to address the issues described above. Within this 90-days period, the State may submit a SPA to address these issues or may submit a corrective action plan describing in detail how the State will resolve the issues identified above in a timely manner. Failure to respond within the 90 days will result in the initiation of a formal compliance process. During the 90-days period, CMS will provide any required technical assistance to assist you in resolving these issues. If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact Ivelisse Salce at (212) 616-2411 or [Ivelisse.Salce@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ivelisse.Salce@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Ricardo Holligan  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Jason Frandson  
Sheri Gaskin

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> <b>FOR: CENTER FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <b>PR-15-001</b>	2. STATE Puerto Rico
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE April 1, 2015	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

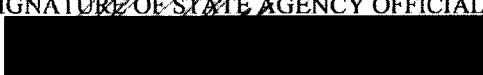
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Section 1905 (a)(4)(C) of the Social Security Act 42 CFR §440.40(c), §440.210(a)(2)(i), and §440.250(c) 42 CFR §441.10(i) and §441.20	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2015 (2 quarter)</u> \$ <u>\$7,156,445.00</u> b. FFY <u>2016</u> \$ <u>\$13,818,877.00</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Description for Attachment 3.1-A, pages 6, 8, and 9 Description for Attachment 3.1-B, pages 6, 8, and 9	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Description for Attachment 3.1-A, pages 6, 8, 9, and 9a Description for Attachment 3.1-B, pages 6, 8, 9, and 9a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
**FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES TO INCLUDE CONTRACEPTIVES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

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 	16. RETURN TO PUERTO RICO MEDICAID PROGRAM PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PO BOX 70184 SAN JUAN PR 00936-8184
13. TYPE NAME RICARDO A. COLÓN-PADILLA, CPA	
14. TITLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
15. DATE SUBMITTED June 30, 2015	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED September 09, 2015
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL <b>APR 01 2015</b>	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
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21. TYPED NAME Ricardo Holligan	22. TITLE Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations
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23. REMARKS

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3. Other laboratory and X-ray services.  
Diagnostic blood tests and X-rays are covered, but the following special procedures and diagnostic tests are provided subject to benefits included under the plan's special coverage and medical necessity criteria:
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  - i. Single Photon Emission Computerized – Tomography Test (SPECT)
  - j. Ocular Plesthymography (OPG)
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  - l. Other invasive and non-invasive cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, and neurosurgical procedures
  - m. Nuclear Medicine tests
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- 4.c. Family Planning Services: The coverage benefits of the Puerto Rico Medicaid and CHIP Programs provide the following Family Planning Services: (i) education and counseling, (ii) pregnancy testing, (iii) infertility assessment, (iv) sterilization services in accordance with 42 CFR 441.200 subpart F, (v) laboratory services, (vi) at least one of every class and category of FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved contraceptive medication, (vii) cost and insertion/removal of non-oral products, such as long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC), and (viii) other FDA approved contraceptive medications or methods when it is medically necessary and approved through a prior authorization or exception process.
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