

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room 833
Dallas, Texas 75202



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI

September 3, 2010

Our Reference: SPA TX 10-027

Mr. Billy Millwee
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Mail Code: H100
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 10-027, dated June 18, 2010. This amendment updates the reduces rates paid to physicians and certain other practitioners by one percent (1%).

Additionally, please note that when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's Tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to the new section 1902(a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the State Plan Amendment. Such consultation must include all federally-recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the State.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of September 1, 2010. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford J. Blunt at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Emily Zalkovsky, Policy Development Support

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 10-027	2. STATE: TEXAS
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Circle One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1905 (r)(4) of the Social Security Act; 42 CFR §440.110		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: SEE ATTACHMENT a. FFY 2010 \$(528,518) b. FFY 2011 \$(1,922,133) c. FFY 2012 \$(1,901,009)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 AND 9		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 AND 9	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment updates the hearing services section of the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies fee schedule.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL be forwarded upon receipt.			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: <i>[Signature]</i>		16. RETURN TO: Billy R. Millwee State Medicaid Director Post Office Box 13247; MC: H-100 Austin, Texas 78711	
13. TYPED NAME: Billy R. Millwee			
14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED June 18, 2010			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 21 June, 2010		18. DATE APPROVED: 3 September, 2010	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 July, 2010		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: <i>[Signature]</i>	
21. TYPED NAME: BILL BROOKS		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Div of Medicaid & Children's Health	
23. REMARKS: 			

9. Hearing Aids and Audiometric Evaluations.

- (a) Providers of professional hearing and audiometric evaluation services are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by HHSC in accordance with item 1 of this attachment, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners.
- (b) Providers of hearing aids are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by HHSC, which are based on a review of data available to HHSC, such as cost information from providers or manufacturers, surveys of the Medicaid fees for other states, survey information from national fee analyzers, or other relevant fee-related information.
- (c) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (d) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for hearing aids and audiometric evaluations effective for services on or after July 1, 2010. The fee schedule was posted on the agency's website on July 9, 2010.

SUPERSEDES: TN- 08-40

STATE	<u>Texas</u>	A
DATE REC'D	<u>6-21-10</u>	
DATE APPV'D	<u>9-3-10</u>	
DATE EFF	<u>7-1-10</u>	
HCTA 179	<u>10-27</u>	

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Supersedes TN No. 08-40