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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 19-0017

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



## **Regional Operations Group**

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July 18, 2019

### **Our Reference: TX SPA 19-0017**

Ms. Stephanie Muth  
State Medicaid Director  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Mail Code: H100  
Post Office Box 13247  
Austin, TX 78711

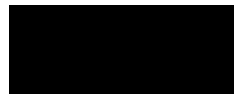
Dear Ms. Muth:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 19-0017, dated June 21, 2019. This state plan amendment updates the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) fee schedule.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of April 1, 2019. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.



If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by e-mail at [Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



for

Bill Brooks  
Director  
Regional Operations Group

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> <b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>19-0017</b>	2. STATE: <b>TEXAS</b>
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Circle One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: <b>April 1, 2019</b>	
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: <b>42 C.F.R. §§ 440.40 and 441.56; §1905(r) of Social Security Act, relating to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment.</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: <b>SEE ATTACHMENT</b> a. FFY 2019      \$ 12,959 b. FFY 2020      \$ 27,306 c. FFY 2021      \$ 27,589	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: <b>SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 &amp; 9</b>		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): <b>SEE ATTACHMENT TO BLOCKS 8 &amp; 9</b>	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: <b>The proposed amendment updates the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program fee schedule.</b>			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Sent to Governor's Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt. <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: <b>Stephanie Muth State Medicaid Director Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100 Austin, Texas 78711</b>	
13. <b>Stephanie Muth</b>			
14. TITLE: <b>State Medicaid Director</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: <b>June 21, 2019</b>			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED:      June 21, 2019		18. DATE APPROVED:      July 18, 2019	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: April 1, 2019		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:  for	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Director Regional Operations Group	
23. REMARKS:			

**Attachment to Blocks 8 & 9 of CMS Form 179**

**Transmittal Number 19-0017**

**Number of the  
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B  
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**Number of the Superseded  
Plan Section or Attachment**

Attachment 4.19-B  
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### 32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued

#### (10) Physician services

- (a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include:
- (1) Vaccines not covered by the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVCP) for clients under age 21, which are reimbursed as accessed-based fees in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.
- (2) Services delivered by school districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).
- (b) For dates of service on or after December 1, 2017, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 85 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (c) For dates of service on or after September 1, 2018, the reimbursement for services provided by a therapy assistant will be reimbursed at 70 percent of the rate paid to a licensed therapist for the same services.
- (d) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.
- (e) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physician services effective April 1, 2019. The fee schedule was posted on the agency website on April 2, 2019.

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