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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0036**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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July 25, 2024

John Connolly  
Assistant Commissioner and State Medicaid Director  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
540 Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 64983  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Re: Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0036

Dear State Medicaid Director Connolly:

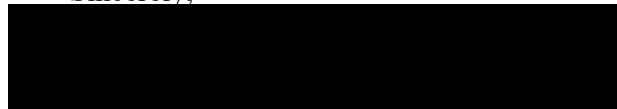
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0036. This amendment adds new language to the Rehabilitative Services pages (13d) of the State Plan. Specifically, the state authorizes coverage of school social worker services and allows schools to use the Individualized Education Program or Individualized Family Service Plan process to determine medical necessity in place of a diagnostic assessment.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR §440. This letter informs you that Minnesota's Medicaid SPA 23-0036 was approved on July 25, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Minnesota State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310, or via email at [Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Patrick Hultman  
Melorine Mokri  
Alexandra Zoellner

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 3 — 0 0 3 6

2. STATE

MN

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX  XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR § 440 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2024 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2025 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1-A Page 54r.2  
Attachment 3.1-B Page 53r.2

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

same

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

This amendment makes changes to rehabilitative services

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

12. TYPED NAME

Patrick Hultman

13. TITLE

Deputy Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

November 30, 2023

15. RETURN TO

Alley Zoellner  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Federal Relations Unit  
540 Cedar Street, PO Box 64983  
Saint Paul, MN 55164

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

November 30, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED

July 25, 2024

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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13.d. Rehabilitative services. (continued)

Covered EPSDT rehabilitative services also includes medically necessary school social work services when identified in a special education evaluation, an Individualized Education Program, or Individualized Family Service Plan under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). A special education evaluation, and assessments for and within the Individualized Education Program, or Individualized Family Service Plan may be used to determine medical necessity for school social work services.

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- Explanation of findings;
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