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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0011

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Financial Management Group

December 9, 2022

Mr. Robert M. Kerr, Director
South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Attention: Sheila Chavis

RE: South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0011

Dear Mr. Kerr:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0011, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 28, 2022. This SPA updates the rate schedule for Emergency Ambulance Services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2022. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Debi Benson at 312-886-0360 or Deborah.Benson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 2 - 0 0 1 1</u>	2. STATE <u>SC</u>
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2022	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Title XIX of Social Security Act, 42 CFR Sec. 1902(a)		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2022</u> \$ <u>66,000</u> b. FFY <u>2023</u> \$ <u>264,600</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B, page 6h		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B, page 6h	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Amendment of the SC Title XIX State Plan to increase rates for emergency ambulance services.

10. 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

AGENCY OFFICIAL	15. RETURN TO South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 8206 Columbia, SC 29202-8206
12. TYPED NAME Robert M. Kerr	
13. TITLE Director	
14. DATE SUBMITTED September 28, 2022	

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16. DATE RECEIVED September 28, 2022	17. DATE APPROVED December 9, 2022
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL July 1, 2022	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Todd McMillion	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

differentiating features are the focus of the visit and the length of time required to perform the service. The reimbursement rate for the Pre-Discharge Home Visit is 50% of the Initial Postpartum/Infant Home Visit rate.

No cost reports are required nor any cost settlements made to the state owned providers of postpartum/infant home visit services.

- D. Reimbursement for Enhanced Services to non-high risk pregnant women as described in Attachment 3.1-A were discontinued on October 1, 1996.

24.a Transportation:

A. Broker Transportation Services: See Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A.

B. Non-Broker Transportation Services:

Emergency Ambulance Services: Payment for emergency ambulance services will be the lesser of actual charges submitted by the carrier or the ceiling of the fees established by SCDHHS and published in the Ambulance Services Provider Manual. The fee schedule for ambulance services is inclusive of all supplies required during transportation to include EKG/DEF, airways, oxygen, and field drugs. The fee schedule will be applied uniformly without consideration of locality. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. For the covered Medicaid emergency ambulance services that have a comparable Medicare rate, the Medicaid fee payments will not exceed the payments calculated at one hundred percent of the Medicare Fee Schedule (in the aggregate). The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/fee-schedules>.

Special Needs Transportation:

Special Needs Transportation (SNT), as defined on page 9d of Attachment 3.1-A, Limitation Supplement is reimbursed based on a statewide route rate per child. Effective October 1, 2012, the public provider of this service, the State Department of Education (SDE), will be reimbursed a prospective route rate based upon its FY 2010 annual Medicaid cost report.

Description and Discussion of Cost Finding for SNT:

South Carolina is unique in that the state agency, SDE, and local school districts each contribute to the provision of school based transportation services in the state. The SDE maintains and fuels the buses and bus "shops", assists with routing, enforces state school bus policies, and trains district drivers. School bus drivers are employees of their local school districts. Each school district also employs staff to coordinate and schedule routes for that district.

Prior to billing for SNT services for a Medicaid recipient, the districts must ensure that a Medicaid service as specified in the Medicaid's recipient's IEP or IFSP was provided and billed on the date of the Special Needs Transportation service. Only transportation services provided in a Special Needs bus (i.e. buses specifically adapted to serve the needs of the disabled) are eligible for reimbursement.