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State Plan Amendment (SPA) LA: 22-0023

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
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Financial Management Group

November 4, 2022

Tara LeBlanc
Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Medicaid Program
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services
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RE: Louisiana TN 22-0023

Dear Tara LeBlanc:

We have reviewed the proposed Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B pages under LA- 22-0023, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 23, 2022. The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for durable medical equipment in the Home Health Program in order to revise the methodology used to set the rates for enteral formulas and allow reimbursement under the standard procedure codes on the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of October 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 Monica Neiman at (945) 35-1231 or/and via email at: Monica.Neiman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 22-0023	2. STATE LA
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2022	
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2023</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2024</u> \$ <u>0</u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Same (TN 12-42)	

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

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 447 Subpart B
1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act
1903(i)(27) of the Social Security Act
1905(a)(7) of the Social Security Act

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, Item 7, Page 2.a(1)

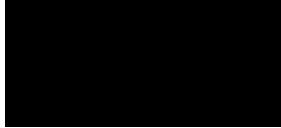
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT **The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for durable medical equipment in the Home Health Program in order to revise the methodology used to set the rates for enteral formulas and allow reimbursement under the standard procedure codes on the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule.**

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:
The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME
Ruth Johnson, designee for Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

13. TITLE
Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED
September 23, 2022

15. RETURN TO

Tara A. LeBlanc, Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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16. DATE RECEIVED **September 23, 2022**

17. DATE APPROVED **November 4, 2022**

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
October 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 **The State requests pen and ink change to box 5.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1902 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM, UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

- eighty percent (80%) of the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP).
- D. Tracheostomy tubes and care kits are reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the 2000 Medicare fee schedule for the procedure codes that were listed on the 2000 Medicare fee schedule and at the same amount for the HIPAA compliant codes which replaced them or 80 % of the Medicare fee schedule under which the procedure code first appeared.
- E. Enteral Formulas

Enteral formulas are reimbursed a flat fee amount. This flat fee per unit is based on:

1. The Medicare rate, where available;
2. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP);
3. Invoice pricing; or
4. The rate at which providers can obtain the formula in the community.

One unit of enteral formula is equal to 100kcal, one packet, one can, one brik or one bottle, as identified on the fee schedule. Except as otherwise noted in the Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of enteral formulas. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of October 1, 2022, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates will be published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.com.

- F. Enteral infusion pumps, standard type wheelchairs, hospital beds, commode chairs, and stationary suction machines are reimbursed at the Medicaid established flat fee amount.