Ms. Nicole Comeaux  
Director  
Medical Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

RE: TN 19-0015

Dear Ms. Comeaux:

We have reviewed the proposed New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, NM 19-0015 which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 30, 2019. This plan amendment updates the behavioral health fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of October 1, 2019. 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 Thomas Couch at (208) 861-9838 or Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion  
Acting Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

Cc: Jennifer Vigil
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
   
   19 - 015

2. STATE
   
   New Mexico

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
   
   October 1, 2019

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)
   
   [ ] NEW STATE PLAN
   [ ] AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
   [X] AMENDMENT

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
   
   42 CFR 447 Subpart F

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT
   
   a. FFY 2020  
      $ 46,600,000
   
   b. FFY 2021  
      $ 46,600,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
   
   Attachment 4.19-B page 3

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
   
   Attachment 4.19-B page 3 (NM SPA 19-0002)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
    
    Behavioral Health Fee Schedule Pricing

11. 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

    [X] OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
    
    Authority delegated to the Medicaid Director

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL
    
    [Signature]

13. TYPED NAME
    
    Nicole Comeaux

14. TITLE
    
    Director, Medical Assistance Division

15. DATE SUBMITTED
    
    12/30/2019

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16. RETURN TO

   Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director
   Medical Assistance Division
   P.O. Box 2348
   Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

17. DATE RECEIVED
    
    December 30, 2019

18. DATE APPROVED
    
    February 18, 2020

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
    
    October 1, 2019

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
    
    [Signature]

21. TYPED NAME
    
    Todd McMillion

22. TITLE
    
    Acting Director
    Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

Instructions on Back
A. Other Practitioners Services

1. Behavioral health professional services are reimbursed on a fee schedule basis applicable to psychologists, counselors, therapists, licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors, behavioral health agencies, licensed independent social workers and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of October 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx.

Non-independent behavioral health practitioners who are required by state law to be supervised are not paid directly for their services. Rather, payment is made to the supervising practitioner, or the appropriate group, licensed treatment and diagnostic center or agency to which the behavioral health worker belongs.

2. Independently practicing certified Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists are reimbursed at 90% of the physician fee schedule as described in Item I. A of Attachment 4.19 B, including preventive services for alternative benefit plan recipients. Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx.

3. Certified nurse anesthetists and anesthesiaology assistants are reimbursed a rate per anesthesia unit for the procedure and for units of time for medically directed and non-medically directed services. Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of March 31, 2014 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx.