

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Financial Management Group

February 18, 2020

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd McMillion".

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 <u>1 9 — 0 1 5</u>	2. STATE New Mexico
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2019
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5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*)

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate transmittal for each amendment*)

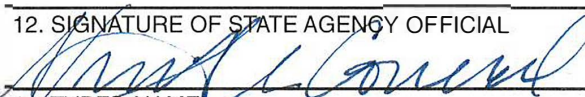

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 447 Subpart F	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2020</u> \$ <u>46,600,000</u> b. FFY <u>2021</u> \$ <u>46,600,000</u>
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B page 3	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) Attachment 4.19-B page 3 (NM SPA 19-0002)
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Behavioral Health Fee Schedule Pricing

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Authority delegated to the Medicaid Director
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	16. RETURN TO  Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director Medical Assistance Division P.O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348
13. TYPED NAME Nicole Comeaux	
14. TITLE Director, Medical Assistance Division	
15. DATE SUBMITTED 12/30/2019	

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17. DATE RECEIVED December 30, 2019	18. DATE APPROVED February 18, 2020
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL October 1, 2019	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
21. TYPED NAME Todd McMillion	22. TITLE Acting Director Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES
--OTHER TYPES OF CARE

Attachment 4.19-B

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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 anesthesiology 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>.

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