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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

October 16, 2014

Our Reference: SPA LA 14-0030

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bienville Building
628 North 4th Street
Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attn: Darlene Adams
Jodie Hebert

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 14-0030. This state plan amendment revises the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology in the Professional Services Program in order to discontinue reimbursement for elective deliveries performed prior to 39 weeks gestation when there is no documentation of a medical condition that would justify elective delivery.

Transmittal Number 14-0030 is approved with an effective date of August 20, 2014 as requested. A copy of the CMS-179, Transmittal No. 14-0030 dated August 22, 2014 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,


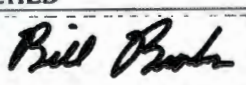
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Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-30		2. STATE Louisiana
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE August 20, 2014
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>2015</u> \$53.21 (\$277.13) b. FFY <u>2016</u> \$48.51 (\$184.76)
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Item 5, Page 2a (remove) Attachment 3.1A, Item 5, Page 1a Attachment 3.1-A, Item 1, Page 46		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Same (TN 13-17) (remove) Same (TN 12-61) None (New Page)
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology in the Professional Services Program in order to discontinue reimbursement for elective deliveries performed prior to 39 weeks gestation when there is no documentation of a medical condition that would justify elective delivery.		
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor does not review state plan material.		
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals 628 N. 4th Street PO Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030
13. TYPED NAME: Kathy H. Kliebert		
14. TITLE: Secretary		
15. DATE SUBMITTED: August 22, 2014		
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY		
17. DATE RECEIVED: August 22, 2014		18. DATE APPROVED: October 16, 2014
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED		
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: August 20, 2014		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR: 
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health
23. REMARKS: The State requests pen and ink changes to boxes 7, 8, and 9 as per e-mail on 10/9/14.		

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED
LIMITATIONS OF THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION

Medical and Remedial Care and Services-Item 5 (cont'd)

42 CFR
440.50

2. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2007, the reimbursement of up to three medically necessary inpatient evaluation and management services by providers of different specialties per recipient, per day, for recipients age 21 and older will be allowed.
3. Pre- and post-operative **inpatient and outpatient visits related to surgery** are not reimbursed when made during the global surgery period assigned to the surgical procedure code. Visits are considered unrelated when the reason for the visit is not the same as the reason for the surgery.
4. Reimbursement for inpatient physician services rendered in hospitals is subject to hospital pre-certification and length of stay assignment criteria.
5. Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2012, eye care services rendered by a participating optometrist, within their scope of optometric practice, shall be classified and reimbursed under the Medicaid State Plan as a mandatory physician service to the same extent, and according to the same standards as physicians who perform the same eye care services. Recipients in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program are excluded from optometry service limits.
6. Effective for dates of service on or after August 20, 2014, induced deliveries and cesarean sections by physicians shall not be reimbursed when performed prior to 39 weeks gestation. This shall not apply to deliveries when there is a documented medical condition that would justify delivery prior to 39 weeks gestation.

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LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED
MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Reimbursement for Elective Deliveries

Induced deliveries and cesarean sections shall not be reimbursed when performed prior to 39 weeks gestation. This shall not apply to deliveries when there is a documented medical condition that would justify delivery prior to 39 weeks gestation.

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