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Kathy H. Kliebert
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

November 18, 2015

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Brooks:

**RE: Louisiana Outpatient Hospital Services- Outpatient Physician Visits Service
Limits State Plan
Transmittal No. 15-0035**

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.

Sincerely,


Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

Attachments (2)

KHK:WJR:JH

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
15-0035

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
January 01 , 2016

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 440.20


7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2016 **\$0.00**
b. FFY 2017 **\$0.00**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
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9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
SAME (TN 14-22)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: **The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing outpatient hospital services in order to remove the 12 visits per year limit on physician services provided in a clinic in an outpatient hospital setting.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED **The Governor does not review state plan material.**
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:


13. TYPED NAME:
Kathy H. Kliebert

14. TITLE:
Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
November 18, 2015

16. RETURN TO:
**J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
628 N. 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:

22. TITLE:

23. REMARKS:

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

CITATION
42 CFR
440.20(a)

MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL
CARE AND SERVICES
Item 2a

OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

Effective September 1, 1983, the Bureau of Health Services Financing will make payment to a licensed hospital for outpatient hospital services in accordance with the following limits:

- A. Rehabilitation services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy - number of visits in accordance with a rehabilitation plan approved by the Prior Authorization Unit of the Bureau of Health Services Financing; and
- B. Clinic services-services provided by a physician in a clinic in an outpatient hospital setting shall be considered physician services, not outpatient services..

Effective January 1, 2016, for clinic services, there shall be no limits placed on the number of physician visits payable by the Medicaid program for eligible recipients.

- C. All other outpatient services-including, but not limited to, therapeutic and diagnostic radiology services (except for services under the Radiology Utilization Management), chemotherapy, hemodialysis and laboratory services, shall have no limit imposed other than the medical necessity for the service.

Radiology Utilization Management – Radiology utilization management establishes provisions requiring prior authorization for certain outpatient high-tech imaging. Prior authorization (PA) is based on best evidence medical practices as

TN _____
Supersedes
TN _____

Approval Date _____

Effective Date _____