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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

December 2, 2015

Our Reference: SPA LA 15-0036

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 Budgewater
Jodie Hebert

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number (TN) 15-0036. This state plan amendment (SPA) revises the provisions in the Professional Services Program governing physician services in order to remove the limits from outpatient physician visits.



Transmittal Number 15-0036 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2016, as requested. A copy of the CMS-179, Transmittal No. 15-0036 dated November 18, 2015 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks".

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-0036	2. STATE Louisiana
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		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 <i>(Check One)</i> : <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 <i>(Separate Transmittal for each amendment)</i>			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447, Subpart B		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY <u>2016</u> \$0.00 \$14.17 b. FFY <u>2017</u> \$0.00 \$19.46	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 3.1-A, Item 5, Page 1		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT <i>(If Applicable)</i> : SAME (TN 12-61)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions in the Professional Services Program governing physician services in order to remove the limits from outpatient physician visits.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW <i>(Check One)</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED The Governor does not review state plan material. <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
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 P.O. Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030	
13. TYPED NAME: Kathy H. Kliebert			
14. TITLE: Secretary			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: November 18, 2015			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: November 18, 2015		18. DATE APPROVED: December 2, 2015	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health	
23. REMARKS: The State requests a pen and ink change to box 7 as indicated above.			

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 440.50

Medical and Remedial Care and Services – Item 5

PHYSICIAN SERVICES WHETHER FURNISHED IN THE OFFICE, THE RECIPIENT'S HOME, A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OR ELSEWHERE ARE PROVIDED WITH LIMITATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Physician Services

Physician's services furnished by a physician, whether provided in the office, the recipient's home, a hospital, a skilled nursing facility, or elsewhere, means services provided within the scope of practice of medicine, optometry or osteopathy as defined by State law and by or under the personal supervision of an individual licensed under State law to practice medicine or osteopathy; and medical or surgical services furnished by a dentist in accordance with Section 1905(a)(5) of the Act as amended by Section 4103(a) of P.L. 100-203 and within the scope of dentistry as defined by State law.

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

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