



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

May 19, 2023

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 East 12th Street, Room 0300
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898


RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 23-0022

Dear Mr. Scott:

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. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Karen Barnes at (225) 342-3881 or via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov.

Sincerely,


_____, for
Stephen R. Russo, JD
Executive Counsel
Director of Legal Audit and Regulatory Compliance

Attachments (2)

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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
23-0022

2. STATE
LA

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

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVIC
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
May 12, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 440.130

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. **FFY 2024** **\$ 0**
b. **FFY 2025** **\$ 0**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1-A Item 13c, Page 2
Attachment 4.19-B, Item 13c, Page 1

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

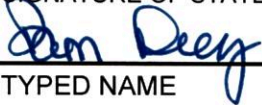
The purpose of this SPA is to amend provisions governing preventive services in order to provide coverage for initiation and facilitation of telehealth services by qualified Louisiana Medicaid enrolled ambulance providers.

10. 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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME

Pam Diez, designee for Stephen R. Russo, JD

13. TITLE

**Executive Counsel
Director of Legal Audit and Regulatory Compliance**

14. DATE SUBMITTED

May 19, 2023

15. RETURN TO

**Tara A. LeBlanc, Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

G. Ambulance Facilitation of Telehealth Services

Effective for dates of service on or after May 12, 2023, Louisiana Medicaid provides coverage for initiation and facilitation of telehealth services by qualified Louisiana Medicaid enrolled ambulance providers for the purpose of managing acute and chronic disease and reducing associated risks.

1. Covered services include:

- a. Assessment of the beneficiary and determination if the beneficiary may be safely treated in place at the scene of the 911 emergency response.
- b. Initiation and facilitation of a telehealth service rendered by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant located at a distant site.

2. Provider qualifications:

- a. Ambulance providers must be licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and meet all requirements of La. R.S. 40:1135.3;
- b. Ambulance providers must be participants in the CMS ET3 Model; and
- c. Ambulance providers must be enrolled in the Louisiana Medicaid Program.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN 1902(a) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBES BELOW:

CITATION

42 CFR 440.130

Preventive Services

Ambulance Facilitation of Telehealth Services

Reimbursement Methodology

Effective for dates of service on or after May 12, 2023, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse for ambulance facilitation of telehealth services according to a published fee schedule.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of preventive services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of March 31, 2022, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.gov.