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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

May 8, 2014

Mr. Anthony E. Keck
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Attention: Sheila Chavis

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment, SC 14-001

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment, SC 14-001, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on February 18, 2014. This state plan amendment updates the eyeglasses section of the plan to allow any enrolled service retail establishments or self-employed ophthalmic dispenser (opticians) to be reimbursed based on a fee schedule.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment SC 14-001 was approved on May 8, 2014. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2014. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Cheryl Wigfall at (803) 252-7299 or Cheryl.Wigfall@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze" with a small flourish at the end.

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: SC 14-001	2. STATE South Carolina
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2014	

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 440.120	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2014 \$572,230 b. FFY 2015 \$391,935
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 5	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-B, page 5

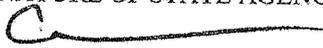
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Update the eyeglasses section of the State Plan to allow any enrolled vision service provider to deliver eye wear services.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Mr. Keck was designated by the Governor
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL to review and approve all State Plans

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



13. TYPED NAME:

Anthony E. Keck

14. TITLE:

Director

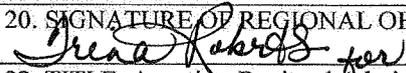
15. DATE SUBMITTED:

February 6, 2014

16. RETURN TO:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 02-18-14	18. DATE APPROVED: 05-08-14
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 01-01-14	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns
23. REMARKS:	

"Free-Standing contracting pharmacies not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid for others service on a cost basis.

"In-House" pharmacies reimbursed by Medicaid on a cost basis for other services.

Dispensing physicians are reimbursed only for the cost of the drug.

Additional Upper Limit Application:

The upper limits are described in this Attachment Section also apply in cases where prescribed drugs are furnished as part of SNF or ICF services or under prepaid capitation arrangements. Contracts between the State Agency and the underwriter, carrier, foundation, HMO or other insurers containing the terms of such prepaid capitation arrangements shall include a provision imposing the same upper limits for reimbursement or prescribing drugs.

12.c Prosthetic Devices and Medical Supplies, Equipment and Services:

Certain medical services, supplies, and equipment (including equipment servicing) that do not generally vary significantly in quantity will be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the rate established by the Medicare carrier in the area at the lowest charge level at which the service, supplies, and equipment are widely and consistently available within their locality according to the procedures prescribed in 42 CFR 405.511. A list of these items of service is published in the federal regulations. This upper limit is applicable to such services furnished under both Medicare and Medicaid.

For selected services and items furnished only under Medicaid (and identified and published by the Secretary of HHS by regulations), the Medicaid agency must calculate the lowest charge levels under the procedures specified in 42 CFR 405.511^(c) and (d), and limit payments to that amount.

Pregnant women, individuals participating in family planning services, infants and children up to age 19 will not be subject to co-pay.

Hearing Aids - A consolidated contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is in effect to provide hearing aids, accessories and repair to eligible Medicaid recipients 21 years old and under using S-codes.

Home Dialysis - Reimbursement for equipment and supplies are included in the all-inclusive rate paid only to the End Stage Renal Dialysis Clinic.

12.d Eyeglasses

Eyeglass services are covered for lenses, frames and other services as outlined in the Physician, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals manual to recipients under the age of 21. These services are provided by enrolled retail optical establishments or self-employed ophthalmic dispensers (opticians). Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of eyeglasses. Providers of eyeglasses and contact lenses are reimbursed the lesser of the providers billed charges or fees determined by SCDHHS, which are based on a review of Medicare fees and/or other data available to SCDHHS, such as relevant cost or fee surveys. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2014 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.scdhhs.gov.

SC: 14-001
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/14
RO APPROVAL: 05-08-14
SUPERSEDES: SC 11-001