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

Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Attention: Sheila Chavis

RE: South Carolina (SC) Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # SC 12-019

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment 12-019, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on December 28, 2012. This amendment moves optometry to the physician benefit.

During the corresponding reimbursement review of SC 12-019, CMS noted that reimbursement methodologies associated with this submission are currently being evaluated for comprehensiveness under pending SPA SC 11-020. As these concerns will be resolved via SC 11-020, further analysis of the comprehensiveness issues was not conducted under this SPA.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment SC 12-019 was approved on March 22, 2013. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2012. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Maria Drake at (404) 562-3697 or [Maria.Drake@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Maria.Drake@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze".

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

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: SC 12-019	2. STATE South Carolina
<b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>	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 31, 2011	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

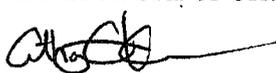
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

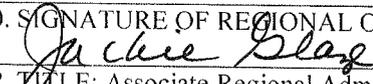
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 441.30	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2011 Budget Neutral b. FFY 2012 Budget Neutral
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Basic Index, Page 27 Attachment 3.1-A, Page 3 Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement, Page 3a	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  Basic Index, Page 27 Attachment 3.1-A, Page 3 Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement, Page 3a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  
Update coverage criteria for Optometrist as it relates to physician services. This state plan will not change coverage and/or benefits currently being paid to optometrist, therefore will be budget neutral.

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: 	16. RETURN TO:  South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 8206 Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206
13. TYPED NAME: Anthony E. Keck	
14. TITLE: Director	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: December 20, 2012	

<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
17. DATE RECEIVED: 12/28/12	18. DATE APPROVED: 03-22-13
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 10/01/12	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns
23. REMARKS:  Approved with the following changes to item 4, 8 and 9 as authorized by State Agency e-mails dated 03/14/13:  Block # 4 changed to read: October 1, 2012.  Block #8 changed to read: Basic Index, page 27, Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement page 3a  Block # 9 changed to read: Basic Index, page 27, Attachment 3.1-A Limitation Supplement page 3a	

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April 1987

State/Territory: South Carolina

Citation  
42 CFR 441.30  
AT-78-90

3.1 (f) (1) Optometric Services

Optometric Services (other than those provided under §§435.531 and 436.531) are not now but were previously provided under the plan. Services of the type an optometrist is legally authorized to perform are specifically included in the term "physicians' services" under this plan and are reimbursed whether furnished by a physician or an optometrist.

- Yes.
- No. The conditions described in the first sentence apply but the term "physicians' services" does not specifically include services of the type an optometrist is legally authorized to perform.
- Not applicable. The conditions in the first sentence do not apply.

1903(i) (1)  
of the Act,  
P.L. 99-272  
(Section 9507)

(2) Organ Transplant Procedures

- No.
- Yes. Similarly situated individuals are treated alike and any restriction on the facilities that may, or practitioners who may, provide these procedures is consistent with the accessibility of high quality care to individuals eligible for the procedures under this plan. Standards for the coverage of organ transplant procedures are described at ATTACHMENT 3.1-E.

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exempt from the twelve (12) visit limitation. Ambulatory care exams include all physician office examinations for general medical diagnoses and specialty care. Included in the ambulatory care restrictions are rural health clinic encounters and initial psychiatric visits. Surgery, therapy, family planning, diagnostic tests, monitoring, and maintenance management are not included in the twelve (12) visits limitation. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services may approve additional ambulatory care visits when medically necessary. Limitation will be based on medical necessity.

Hospital Services rendered by a physician are not restricted but are subject to the pre-admission review process, medical necessity criteria and the limitations included in the hospital section of the plan.

All services listed in the Current Procedural Terminology Text (CPT), and the HCPCS Supplemental Coding Manual are allowed services unless restricted in the Medicaid Physician, Clinical and Ancillary Services Manual. These services include, but are not limited to, general medical care, diagnostic services, therapeutic services, reconstructive and medically necessary surgeries, maternal care, family planning, rehabilitative and palliative services, lab, x-ray, injectable drugs, and dispensable and supplies not restricted in other areas of the plan or the Medicaid provider manuals.

Speech, physical, and occupational therapy coverage for beneficiaries over the age of 21 is limited to the provision of services when one of the following requirements are met: (1) the attending physician prescribes therapy in the plan of treatment during an inpatient hospital stay and therapy continues on an outpatient basis until that plan of treatment is concluded; (2) the attending physician prescribes therapy as a direct result of outpatient surgery; or (3) the attending physician prescribes therapy to avoid an inpatient hospital admission.

For EPSDT eligible beneficiaries under the age of 21 speech and hearing services are covered based on medical necessity and must be prior authorized by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs or a school district. For physical, and occupational therapy, services are available through rehabilitation centers certified by SCDHEC, and through individual practitioners who are licensed by either the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners or the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy and enrolled in the South Carolina Medicaid program.

All Physician services that an optometrist is legally authorized to perform are included in physicians' services under this plan and are reimbursed whether furnished by a physician or an optometrist. Vision care services are defined as those that are medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the visual system and the provision of lenses and/or frames as applicable. Routine eye examination with refraction is covered for EPSDT eligible children under the age of 21. This benefit is limited to one every 365 days, if medically necessary. Any other medically necessary vision care services are covered during the 365 day period for adults and EPSDT eligible beneficiaries under the age of 21. One pair of eyeglasses is available during a 365 day period to beneficiaries eligible under the EPSDT program. Additional lenses can be approved if the prescription changes at least one-half diopter (0.50) during the 365-day period.

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