Atlanta Regional Operations Group

October 21, 2019

Mr. Joshua D. Baker
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Attention: Sheila Chavis

Re: South Carolina State Plan Amendment 17-0015

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment, SC 17-0015, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 30, 2017. This plan amendment increases reimbursement rates for dental exam codes, preventive dental codes, oral surgery codes, and ancillary dental codes.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment SC 17-0015 was approved on October 21, 2019. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2017. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and a copy of the new state 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,

Davida R. Kimble
Acting Deputy Director
Division of Medicaid Field Operations South

Enclosures
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

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<td>3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)</td>
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5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- [ ] NEW STATE PLAN  
- [ ] AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN  
- [X] AMENDMENT

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

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:  
42 CFR 440.100 – Services: General Provisions: Dental Services

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  
a. FFY 2017 $2,317,000  
b. FFY 2018 $9,300,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3a.7

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  
Attachment 4.19-B, page 3a.7

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This plan amendment increases dental rates for dental exam codes, preventive dental codes, oral surgery codes and ancillary codes.

11. 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  
- [X] OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Ms. Singleton was designated by the Governor to review and approve all State Plans

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:  

13. TYPED NAME:  
Deirdra T. Singleton

14. TITLE:  
Acting Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
August 28, 2017

16. RETURN TO:  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: 08/30/17  
18. DATE APPROVED: 10/21/19

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 07/01/17

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: Davida R. Kimble

22. TITLE: Acting Deputy Director  
Division of Medicaid Field Operations South

23. REMARKS:

FORM HCFA-179 (07-92)
The Medicaid Agency will unbundle the previously bundled CPT codes applicable to the individual OPAC service(s) being rendered (i.e. medical or behavioral/psychological) for future pricing purposes.

**Infusion Centers**

Infusion centers allow Medicaid beneficiaries to receive various types of infusion therapy in a facility setting other than a physician’s office or outpatient hospital. Infusion centers must have the ability to perform the following services:

Chemotherapy,
Hydration,
IGIV,
Blood and blood products,
Antibiotics,
Intrathecal/lumbar puncture,
Inhalation,
Or therapeutic phlebotomy.

Effective calendar year 2003, Infusion Centers are a recognized provider type in the Medicaid Program. Services performed in Infusion Centers are reimbursed according to existing Medicaid fee schedules found under the various covered Medicaid services contained within Attachment 4.19-B as follows: physician services - section 5 and drugs (including J codes and blood/blood products) - section 12.

10. **Dental Services:**

Reimbursement to providers of dental services is made on the basis of an established fee schedule not to exceed prevailing charges in the state. Reimbursement will be provided on a per procedure basis. Reimbursement for dental services shall be based on a percentage of published usual and customary South Carolina dental rates, not to exceed the 75th percentile of usual and customary reimbursement for South Carolina. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency’s fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2017 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Rates for Preventive, Oral Surgery and Ancillary services were updated on July 1, 2017. The rates for all other dental services were set as of July 11, 2011. All rates are published on the agency’s website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

SC 17-0015
EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/17
RO APPROVAL: 10/21/19
SUPERSEDES: SC 16-0008