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April 5, 2022

Mr. Joshua D. Baker, Director  
South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services  
P.O. Box 8206  
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Attention: Sheila Chavis

RE: South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0011

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment, 21-0011, which was received by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 30, 2021. This plan amendment will remove an add-on code for component-based vaccine administration and counseling and reference the correct fee schedule date.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Moe Wolf at 410-786-9291 or [Moshe.Wolf@CMS.HHS.gov](mailto:Moshe.Wolf@CMS.HHS.gov).

Sincerely,

*Todd McMillion*

Todd McMillion  
Director  
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Enclosures



3. Other Laboratory and X-Ray Services:

The Physician Services fee schedule rates are effective for services provided on or after the implementation date as outlined in the Physician Services methodology located at Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2a.2 Section 5. 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 rates were set as of July 11, 2011 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

4.b Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Screening Services:

*Medical:* The SCDHHS adopted the Bright Futures/ American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Medical Periodicity Schedule for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Screening Services.

Reimbursement for EPSDT Screening Services is based on the Physician Services fee schedule rates effective for services provided on or after the implementation date as outlined in the Physician Section 5, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2a.2. 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 rates were set as of July 11, 2011 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

*Dental:* The SCDHHS developed the South Carolina Dental Periodicity Schedule for EPSDT Dental Services effective for services provided on April 1, 2018 or after that date. Reimbursement for EPSDT Dental Services are based on the Dental Services fee schedule rates effective for services provided on or after the implementation date as outlined in the Dental Services Section 10 of Attachment 4.19-B. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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).

*Additional services:* The SCDHHS allows coverage for additional services that are deemed medically necessary by the provider as outlined in the EPSDT Section 4.b, Attachment 3.1-A, Limitation Supplement, Page 2. Reimbursement for additional medically necessary services effective for services provided on April 1, 2018 or after that date are based on the Physician Services fee schedule rates as outlined in the Physician Section 5, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2a.2. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates for Physician services are the same for both governmental and private providers and those rates were set as of July 11, 2011. All rates are published on the agency's website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

Immunizations:

Vaccines for Children Program. The appropriate Immunization Administration for Vaccine/Toxoids Current Procedural Terminology code will be reimbursed to Medicaid providers who administer immunizations in conjunction with an EPSDT screening or other billable service, as well as, for "shots only" visits. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The reimbursement for this service can be found at the Physician Services fee schedule effective for services provided on or after the implementation date as outlined in the Physician Services methodology located at Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2a.2 Section 5. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of September 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/fee-schedules>.

Payments for EPSDT Services that are not otherwise covered:

Services not listed as covered services in the state agency manuals/state plan will be provided if determined to be medically necessary by the appropriate agency staff or consultants. These are services that are not covered by South Carolina Medicaid and are not listed in any fee schedule. Several methodologies are employed to determine the appropriate reimbursement. The sequence that is employed is listed below:

SC 21-0011  
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SUPERSEDES: SC 18-0004

99224 E/M SUBSEQ OBS CARE PER DAY,LEVEL 1	1/1/2011
99225 E/M SUBSEQ OBS CARE PER DAY,LEVEL 2	1/1/2011
99226 E/M SUBSEQ OBS CARE PER DAY, LEVEL 3	1/1/2011
99406 SMOK/TOBACCO CESSATION COUNS, 3-10 MIN	2/1/2012
99407 SMOK/TOBAC CESSATION, INTENSIVE<10MIN	2/1/2012
90460 IMMUN ADMIN <=AGE 18; ANY ROUTE,1ST VACC	1/1/2011

### **Physician Services – Vaccine Administration**

For calendar years (CYs) 2013 and 2014, the state reimburses vaccine administration services furnished by physicians meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 447.400(a) at the lesser of the state regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or the Medicare rate in effect in CYs 2013 and 2014 or, if higher, the rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor.

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rate

State regional maximum administration fee set by the Vaccines for Children program. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of September 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/fee-schedules>.

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Rate using the CY 2009 conversion factor

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October 1994

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Citation

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4.19 (m) Medicaid Reimbursement for Administration of Vaccines Under the Pediatric Immunization Program

1928(c)(2) (i) A provider may impose a charge for the administration  
(c)(ii) of a qualified pediatric vaccine as stated in  
the Act the Act 1928(c)(2)(c)(ii) of the Act. Within this overall  
provision, Medicaid reimbursement to providers will  
be administered as follows:

(ii) The State:

  X   sets a payment rate at the level of the  
Regional maximum established by the DHHS  
Secretary.

       is a Universal Purchase State and sets a  
Payment rate at the level of the regional  
maximum established in accordance with State  
law.

       sets a payment rate below the level of the  
Regional maximum established by the DHHS  
Secretary.

       is a Universal Purchase State and sets a  
Payment Rate below the level of the regional  
maximum established by the Universal Purchase  
State.

The State pays the following rate for the  
administration of a vaccine:

1926 of (iii) Medicaid beneficiary access to immunization  
the act is assured through the following methodology:

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