

## **Table of Contents**

**State/Territory Name: SOUTH CAROLINA**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: SC-24-0008**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form
- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
230 South Dearborn  
Chicago, Illinois 60604



---

**Financial Management Group**

July 30, 2024

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

RE: TN SC-24-0008

Dear Director Kerr,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B SC-24-0008, which was submitted to CMS on June 11, 2024. This plan amendment updates the Physician Payment Program.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of April 1, 2024. 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 Ysabel Gavino via email at [maria.gavino@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:maria.gavino@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*Todd McMillion*

Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 4 — 0 0 0 8

2. STATE

S C

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY ACT



XIX



XXI

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR Part 447 Subpart B

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a FFY 2024 \$ 2,300,000

b FFY 2025 \$ 2,300,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, page 2b

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

Attachment 4.19-B, page 2b

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

This Supplemental Teaching Physician (STP) Payment program SPA updates the base year used to determine payments under the Average Commercial Rate (ACR) method.

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:

Mr. Kerr was designated by the Governor to review and approve all State Plans.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME

Robert M. Kerr

13. TITLE

Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

June 11, 2024

15. RETURN TO

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

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

June 11, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED

July 30, 2024

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

April 1, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL



20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division or Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

Cardiothoracic Surgery, Child Abuse Pediatrics, Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology/Nutrition, Genetics, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Psychiatry, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Surgery, Urology and such other pediatric sub-specialty areas as may be determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

South Carolina Medicaid Supplemental Teaching Physician (STP) Payment Program

South Carolina supplemental teaching physician providers are defined as those providers with teaching physicians who are employed by or under contract with South Carolina Medical Universities and/or their component units. The teaching physician would involve residents and/or medical students in the care of his or her patients or directly supervise residents in the care of patients. The teaching physician must be present within the facility or in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the service. It does not mean that the teaching physician must be present in the room when the service is performed.

Effective for services provided on and after October 1, 2016, the Medicaid Agency will reimburse teaching physician providers under the Average Commercial Rate (ACR) method. The Medicaid Agency employed the following methodology to determine the payments under the ACR method effective April 1, 2024:

- The base year claims data used for payment purposes is based upon incurred dates of service from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- Next, the STP providers identified and provided a list of their qualifying teaching physicians for the base period.
- Next, each STP provider identified all enrolled Medicaid physicians who are employed by or under contract with the qualifying teaching hospital and/or Medical University and pulled all claims billed by these physicians to their commercial carriers during the base period. The top five commercial carriers would be determined based upon the volume of claims (with charges and payment information provided) incurred by the Medicaid enrolled physicians.
- Next, once the top five commercial carriers were determined by each individual STP provider, the fee schedule rates applicable to the top five commercial carriers were provided via procedure code. To account for changes in commercial fee schedule rates during the base period, providers were allowed to simply weight the rates by the number of months based upon the effective date of the rate change or pull charge and payment data applicable to each claim (including both the commercial carrier payment plus the patient coinsurance, copay, and deductible payments) and determine a weighted average commercial rate over the entire base period.