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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 15, 2024

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

**RE: South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number SPA # SC-24-0004**

Dear Director Kerr,

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 28, 2024. This plan amendment updates Interprofessional Consultation Services.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2024. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Ysabel Gavino at [maria.gavino@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:maria.gavino@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,

*Todd McMillion*

Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>  <b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 4 — 0 0 0 4</u>	2. STATE <u>S C</u>
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <p style="text-align: center;">January 1, 2024</p>	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 1905(a)(5); 42 CFR 440.50;	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a FFY <u>2024</u> \$ <u>0</u> b FFY <u>2025</u> \$ <u>0</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 2a.2	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 2a.2	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
 This SPA will add Interprofessional Consultation Services under the Physician Services' existing reimbursement methodology for evaluations, preventive and diagnostic services, set at 78% of the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

<input type="radio"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="radio"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="radio"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Mr. Kerr was designated by the Governor to review and approve all State Plans
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11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 8206 Columbia, SC 29202-8206
12. TYPED NAME Robert M. Kerr	
13. TITLE Director	
14. DATE SUBMITTED February 23, 2024	

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16. DATE RECEIVED <b>February 28, 2024</b>	17. DATE APPROVED <b>March 15, 2024</b>
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL <b>January 1, 2024</b>	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL <b>Todd McMillion</b>	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL <b>Director, Division of Reimbursement Review</b>

22. REMARKS

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These CPT codes were chosen and averaged as the activities performed as a part of Orientation and Mobility Services most closely identify with various components defined in the three CPT codes listed above. The Medicaid rate has been reduced from 100% of the Medicare average rate to acknowledge the differences in the credentials required for providers of Orientation and Mobility Services from those of the Medicare covered CPT codes.

Nursing Services for Children Under 21:

Initial reimbursement to providers of nursing services for children under the age of 21 is made on the basis of an established fee schedule not to exceed the prevailing charges in the locality for comparable services under comparable circumstances. Reimbursement will be provided on a unit of a quarter of an hour basis for skilled nursing services and a per encounter basis for medication administration and other similar procedures. The current reimbursement rates are based on rates or fees reimbursed for similar services.

State and local government providers must submit annual actual cost and service delivery data. Allowable costs will be determined in accordance with Medicare reasonable cost principles and criteria outlined under 45 CFR Part 75 and 42 CFR Part 413. Future reimbursement rates to state and local government providers shall be the lesser of actual allowable documented cost or the established fee.

4.c Family Planning Services and Supplies:

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Family Planning Services are reimbursed at an established fee schedule based on the methodologies set forth in Attachment 4.19B, Page 2a.2, Section 5 Physician Services and Attachment 4.19B Page 3b Section 12 Prescribed Drugs. The Physician Services fee schedule rates are effective for services provided on or after the implementation date as outlined in the Physician Section 5, Attachment 4.19-B. Medicaid Bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's website at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

5. Physician Services:

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physician services (including pediatric sub-specialists). The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2023, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. Medicaid Bulletins informing the providers of the fee schedule rate changes, as well as the fee schedule itself, are available on the agency's web site at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/ServiceProviders/FeeSchedules.asp>.

Basis of Physician Fee Schedule

Payments to physicians are based on the 2019 Medicare fee schedule, as follows:

- The Medicaid fee schedule rates are set at 82% of the Medicare fee schedule for certain well and sick evaluation and management (E/M) visits of an established patient.
- The Medicaid fee schedule rates are set at 78% of the Medicare fee schedule for all other evaluations, including interprofessional consultation, preventative care and diagnostic services.
- The Medicaid fee schedule rates are set at 71% of the Medicare fee schedule for all other services.

Primary care Providers (PCPs) are reimbursed at 129% of the Medicaid Physician fee schedule. PCPs included physicians enrolled as Family Practice, General Practice, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child Psychiatry providers.