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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
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Financial Management Group

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-24-0007

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 22, 2024. This plan amendment updates the reimbursement methodology for dietitians services to support access to medical nutrition therapy 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

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 <u>2 4</u> — <u>0 0 0 7</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 January 1, 2024	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 440.60(d); 1905(a)(6) (a)	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a FFY <u>2024</u> \$ <u>11,512</u> b FFY <u>2025</u> \$ <u>15,380</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
This SPA will update the reimbursement methodology for dietitians services to support access to medical nutrition therapy services and improve members' health outcomes.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

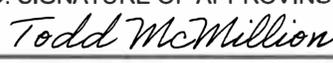
<input type="radio"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Mr. Kerr was designated by the SC Governor to review and approve all state plans.
<input type="radio"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED	
<input type="radio"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL	

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 16, 2024	

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16. DATE RECEIVED February 22, 2024	17. DATE APPROVED March 15, 2024
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

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

22. REMARKS

3/11/24: South Carolina authorizes a pen-and-ink change to delete (d) and add (a) to block 5 of the CMS form 179 (MYLG)

6.a Podiatrists' Services:

Reimbursement is calculated at 100 percent of the Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

6.b Optometrists' Services (Vision Care Services):

Reimbursement is calculated at 100 percent of the Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2020 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

6.c Chiropractor's Services:

Reimbursement is calculated at 100 percent of the Medicaid Physician Fee Schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

6.d Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA): CRNAs under the medical direction of a surgeon will be reimbursed at 90 percent of the Anesthesiologist reimbursement rate. CRNAs under the medical direction of an Anesthesiologist will receive 50 percent of the Anesthesiologist reimbursement rate. Refer to the Physician Services Section 5, in 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

Nurse Practitioner: Reimbursement is calculated at 80 percent of the Medicaid Physician fee schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

Physician Assistant: Reimbursement is calculated at 80 percent of the Medicaid Physician fee schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.

Psychologists: Psychological services are reimbursed at an established statewide fee schedule as determined in accordance with section 13.d of Attachment 4.19-B.

Licensed Registered Dietitian: Reimbursement rate for dietitian services is set at 75% of the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee schedule. 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 for dietitian's services were set on January 1, 2024 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/Providers/fee-schedules>.

Licensed Pharmacist: Reimbursement is calculated at 80 percent of the Medicaid Physician fee schedule. The fee schedule payments are the same for both governmental and private providers. 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 <https://www.scdhhs.gov/Providers/fee-schedules>.