

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

19 - 0015

2. STATE:

Michigan

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

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TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2020

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*):

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

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

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

42 C.F.R. Part 440

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2020 \$33,490

b. FFY 2021 \$44,800

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 5c

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 5c

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

The purpose of this SPA is to clarify the reimbursement methodology and update rates for hearing aid related services.

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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Kate Massey, Director

Medical Services Administration

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



13. TYPED NAME:

Kate Massey

14. TITLE:

Director, Medical Services Administration

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

December 30, 2019

16. RETURN TO:

Medical Services Administration
Actuarial Division - Federal Liaison
Capitol Commons Center - 7th Floor
400 South Pine
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Attn: Erin Black

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPE NAME:

22. TITLE:

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of MICHIGAN

***Policy and Methods for Establishing Payment Rates
Other than Inpatient Hospital and Long-Term-Care Facilities***

12.1 Physical Therapy and Related Services

A. Physical therapists

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physical therapy services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 1/1/2018 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders.

B. Occupational therapists

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of occupational therapy services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 1/1/2018 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders.

C. Speech-language pathologists

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of speech therapy services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 1/1/2018 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders.

D. Audiologists

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of audiology services. ~~The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 1/1/2018 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.~~

PAYMENT RATES ARE ESTABLISHED UTILIZING THE METHODOLOGY DESCRIBED UNDER PHYSICIAN SERVICES. IF THERE IS NO APPLICABLE RATE ESTABLISHED BY THIS METHODOLOGY, THE STATE UTILIZES THE RATE SPECIFIED IN A FEE SCHEDULE. THE AGENCY'S FEE SCHEDULE RATE WAS SET AS OF 1/1/2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER THAT DATE. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

October 28, 2019

NAME
TITLE
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Hearing Aid Services Reimbursement Update State Plan Amendment Request

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of this SPA is to update the reimbursement methodology and increase reimbursement rates for most hearing aid related services. MDHHS expects this SPA to have a positive impact on Native American beneficiaries, tribal health clinics, and urban Indian organizations by increasing access to these services. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2020.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Input regarding this SPA is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-284-4034, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by December 12, 2019.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the SPA, according to the tribes' preference. Consultation meetings allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

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MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Massey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Massey, Director
Medical Services Administration

cc: Tannisse Joyce, CMS
Keri Toback, CMS
Leslie Campbell, CMS
Justyna Redlinski, CMS
Ashley Tuomi, MHPA, Executive Director, American Indian Health and Family
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L. John Lufkins, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
Keith Longie, Director, Indian Health Service - Bemidji Area Office
Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS

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Public Notice

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration**

Hearing Aid Services Reimbursement Update State Plan Amendment Request

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to update the Hearing Aid Services reimbursement.

The anticipated effective date for the Hearing Aid Services rate updates is January 1, 2020.

The updates will include a 25% increase of reimbursement rates for most MDHHS covered hearing aid related services. This change is being made following a review of the current reimbursement level in comparison to other states and current costs reported for this service.

This change will result in an estimated gross cost of \$69,700 to the State of Michigan.

There is no public meeting scheduled regarding this notice. Any interested party wishing to request a written copy of the SPA or wishing to submit comments may do so by submitting a request in writing to: MDHHS/Medical Services Administration, Program Policy Division, PO Box 30479, Lansing MI 48909-7979 or e-mail MSADraftPolicy@michigan.gov by November 27, 2019.

RELEASED: October 28, 2019