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Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: GA State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0007

Dear Executive Director Rhodes:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0007. This amendment proposes to include coverage for blood pressure monitors with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in CFR 42 440.230. This letter is to inform you that Georgia's Medicaid SPA 23-0007 was approved on October 10, 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Etta Hawkins at (404) 562-7429 or via email at Etta.Hawkins@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Hughes, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Brian Dowd
Melonie Wilson

physician or another licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of practice authorized under State law, annually.

The DME program reimburses for the purchase or rental of certain medical equipment and appliances and the purchase of certain medical supplies for a patient's use in a non-institutional setting. The medical equipment, supplies, and appliances must be appropriate for any setting in which normal life activities take place, other than a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or any setting in which payment is or could be made under Medicaid for inpatient services that include room and board.

Equipment and appliances are items that are primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally are not useful to an individual in the absence of a disability, illness or injury, can withstand repeated use, and can be reusable or removable. Coverage of equipment and appliances is not restricted to the items covered as durable medical equipment in the Medicare program. Supplies are health care related items that are consumable or disposable, or cannot withstand repeated use by more than one individual, that are required to address an individual medical disability, illness or injury.

Durable Medical Equipment is covered for members in hospice for non-hospice related conditions.

d. All therapy services provided by a home health agency shall be provided by qualified therapists in accordance with the plan of treatment. Examples of physical, speech and occupational therapy are provided below:

Transmittal 23-0007
Supersedes 09-003

Approved **10-10-23**
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