

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Atlanta Regional Office
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

August 10, 2016

Dr. Linda Wiant, Chief
Medical Assistance Plans
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 40th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # GA 16-0002

Dear Dr. Wiant:

We have reviewed the proposed Georgia State Plan Amendment 16-0002, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on July 13, 2016. This amendment will increase certain occupational and physical therapy service codes to 80% of the Calendar Year 2014 Medicare fee schedule. The rate increase is for providers participating in the Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program and is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment 16-0002 was approved on August 10, 2016. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2016. We are enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and the plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Amr Ali at (404) 840-1748 or Amr.Ali@CMS.HHS.GOV

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Kimbler".

Jackie Glaze

Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 16-002	2. STATE GEORGIA
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2016	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN X AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 C.F.R. § 447.205		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 2016 \$1,442,936.56 FFY 2017 \$5,800,797.25	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19B page 13.1		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19B page 13.1	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective July 1, 2016, DCH proposes to increase certain Children's Intervention Services therapy rates for occupational and physical therapists to 80% of the Calendar Year 2014 Medicare physician fee schedule.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Single State Agency Comments Attached	
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Department of Community Health Division of Medicaid 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36 th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159	
13. TYPED NAME: LINDA WIANT			
14. TITLE: CHIEF, DIVISION OF MEDICAID			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: July 1, 2016			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 07/13/16		18. DATE APPROVED: 08/10/16	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 07/01/16		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Jackie Glaze		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns	
23. REMARKS:			

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR
OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE

- V. Therapy Services (Includes Physical, Occupational and Speech Pathology Therapists), Nursing Services, Counseling Services, Nutrition Services and Audiology Services.
1. Reimbursement to Therapy Service providers under the Children's Intervention Services program is based on the lower of submitted charges or the state's maximum allowable rate as listed in the Policies and Procedures for Children's Intervention Services. The state's maximum allowable rate is 84.645% of Medicare's Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) for 2000 for Region IV (Atlanta). Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of therapy services and the fee schedule is published in the Georgia Department of Community Health Policies and Procedures Manual for Children's Intervention Services available at:
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/Portals/0/StaticContent/Public/ALL/HANDBOOKS/Children%20Intervention%20Services%2006-07-2016%20005219.pdf>.
 2. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, the state's maximum allowable rate for codes 97001 – 97004, 97110, 97112, 97116, 97140, 97530 and 97535 is 80% of Medicare's Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) for 2014 for Region I (Atlanta).