PUBLIC NOTICE November 8, 2017

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA). The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, is submitting SPA 17-0015 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supply Reimbursement. Effective November 9, 2017 and contingent upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Division of Medicaid will implement a revised payment methodology for DME and medical supplies.

- 1. The payment for the purchase of new DME and medical supplies is the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1 of each year and effective for services provided on or after July 1. The statewide uniform fee schedule will be calculated using eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule in effect on January 1 of each year.
 - If there is no DMEPOS fee the item will be priced at the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) minus twenty percent (20%).
 - If there is no MSRP the item will be priced at the provider's invoice plus twenty percent (20%).
 - When it is determined by DOM, based on documentation, that the DMEPOS fee is insufficient for the Mississippi Medicaid population or could result in a potential access issue, then a fee will be calculated using market research from the area.
- 2. It is anticipated the economic impact for this SPA will be budget neutral.
- 3. The revised reimbursement methodology will allow the Division of Medicaid to determine fees for DME and medical supplies when the Medicare rate is insufficient for the Mississippi Medicaid population or could result in a potential access issue.
- 4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from <u>www.medicaid.ms.gov</u> or may be requested at <u>Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov</u> or 601-359-5779.
- 5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, 550 High Street, Suite 1000, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or <u>Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov</u> for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at <u>www.medicaid.ms.gov</u>.
- 6. A public hearing on this SPA is not scheduled.

VIII. Durable Medical Equipment

- A. The payment for the purchase of new Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1 of each year and effective for services provided on or after July 1. The statewide uniform fee schedule will be calculated using eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule in effect on January 1 of each year.
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 - 3. When it is determined by DOM, based on documentation, that the DMEPOS fee is insufficient for the Mississippi Medicaid population or could result in a potential access issue, then a fee will be calculated using market research from the area.
- B. The payment for rental of DME is made from a statewide uniform fee schedule based on ten percent (10%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A not to exceed ten (10) months. After rental benefits are paid for ten (10) months, the DME becomes the property of the Mississippi Medicaid beneficiary unless otherwise authorized by the Division of Medicaid through specific coverage criteria.
- C. The payment for purchase of used DME is made from a statewide uniform fee schedule not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A.
- D. The payment for repair of DME is the cost of the repair, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule as described in letter A.
- E. The payment for other individual consideration items must receive prior approval of the Division and shall be limited to the amount authorized in that approval.

All terms of the Division's Durable Medical Equipment Reimbursement and Coverage Criteria are applicable.

DME for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in this Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraphs.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of DME. All rates are published at <u>www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.

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