

# PUBLIC NOTICE

September 5, 2019

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0002 Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPEC). The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective October 1, 2019, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #19-0002.

1. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0002 PPEC is being submitted to add coverage and reimbursement of PPEC services for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)-eligible beneficiaries to the State Plan, effective October 1, 2019.
2. The estimated economic impact is a savings of approximately \$445,129 in federal dollars for federal fiscal year (FFY) 20 and \$445,129 in federal dollars for FFY21. The estimated savings in state dollars is \$99,833 for state fiscal year (SFY) 20 and \$133,111 for SFY21. This savings was calculated using survey data supplied by thirteen (13) PPEC providers indicating how many Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in the PPEC facility and the actual number of hours per day a Medicaid beneficiary spent at the PPEC facility. A comparison was made to determine the effect of the change in the reimbursement methodology of receiving a daily rate for four (4) completed hours versus the new methodology of receiving a daily rate at six (6) completed hours.

Under the current methodology, PPEC services are reimbursed at an hourly rate of thirty dollars (\$30) for each completed hour up to four (4) completed hours or a daily rate of two-hundred forty dollars (\$240) for more than four (4) hours. Under the new methodology, PPEC services will be reimbursed at an hourly rate of forty dollars (\$40) for each completed hour up to six (6) completed hours or a daily rate of two-hundred forty dollars (\$240) for more than six (6) hours. The PPEC rate was calculated utilizing the 2018 average small nursing facility rates, adjusting the staff costs to reflect the minimum requirements for a PPEC, and removing food costs, dietary salaries and benefits, and other expenses not related to costs incurred by a PPEC. Transportation services provided by a PPEC center will continue to be reimbursed at a rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per-day.

3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 which requires that the State Plan describe the policy and the methods to be used in setting payment rates for each type of service included in the State's Medicaid program.
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 [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov), or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov).
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov) 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 [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov).
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

State of Mississippi

DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATIONS AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

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**Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Services**

The Division of Medicaid covers pediatric extended care services prescribed by a child's attending physician when medically necessary, prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid's Utilization Management/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO) or a contracted Coordinated Care Organization's (CCO's) UM/QIO when the child:

1. Is medically dependent or technologically dependent, and
2. Has complex medical conditions that require continual care.

Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Service is defined as an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) expanded benefit for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries diagnosed with a medically-complex, medically fragile condition and who are medically dependent and/or technology dependent requiring continual care as prescribed by the beneficiary's attending physician.

PPEC services include at a minimum: development, implementation and monitoring of a comprehensive protocol of care, developed in conjunction with the parent or guardian, which specifies the medical, nursing, psychosocial and developmental therapies required by the medically dependent or technologically dependent child served as well as the caregiver training needs of the child's legal guardian.

PPEC services must be provided by MS Medicaid enrolled PPEC Centers, licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), and adhere to the MSDH Minimum Standards of Operation of PPEC Centers.

**State of Mississippi**

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER  
TYPES OF CARE**

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The Division of Medicaid reimburses Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) providers the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or at an hourly rate for each completed hour up to six (6) completed hours of services or at a daily rate for over six (6) hours of services from a statewide uniform fee schedule that was calculated utilizing the costs used to set the 2018 average small nursing facility rates, adjusting the staff costs to reflect the minimum requirements for a PPEC and removing food costs, dietary salaries and benefits, and other expenses not related to costs incurred by a PPEC.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of PPEC services. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rate was set as of October 1, 2019, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All fees are published on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/>.

The Division of Medicaid reimburses for transportation provided by PPECs as described in Attachment 3.1-D.

The Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, will reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for PPEC services by five percent (5%) of the total allowed amount for all services on a claim. The published fees do not include the five percent (5%) reduction.

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