

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) 19-0023 Private Duty Nursing (PDN). 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 #19-0023.

1. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0023 Private Duty Nursing (PDN) is being submitted to add coverage and reimbursement of PDN services for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)-eligible beneficiaries to the State Plan, effective October 1, 2019.
2. The expected annual aggregate savings is \$7,735,087. The PDN rate was calculated by adding to the 2019 National Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Annual mean wage for the applicable occupation title for the state of Mississippi to the total of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) percentage of 7.65% and an administrative allowance of 7.60%. The savings was calculated by using state fiscal year (SFY)18 data for the number of units billed for PDN services multiplied by the PDN rate which results in a savings of federal dollars of \$5,954,470 for FFY20 and FFY21 and a savings of state dollars of \$1,335,462 for FFY20 and \$1,780,617 in for FFY21.
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, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at 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 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.
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

Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Services

The Division of Medicaid covers medically necessary private duty nursing (PDN) services for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)-eligible beneficiaries when ordered by the beneficiary's primary physician or appropriate specialist and prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid's Utilization Review/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO) or a contracted Coordinated Care Organization's (CCO's) UM/QIO.

PDN services are defined as skilled nursing care services for beneficiaries who require more individual and continuous care than is available from a visiting nurse or routinely provided by the nursing staff of the hospital or skilled nursing facility.

PDN services must be provided by a Mississippi Medicaid enrolled PDN provider and comply with the provider requirements specified by the Division of Medicaid.

State of Mississippi

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

The Division of Medicaid reimburses private duty nursing (PDN) services by adding to the 2019 National Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Annual mean wage for the applicable occupation title for the state of Mississippi to the total of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) percentage of 7.65% and an administrative allowance of 7.60%.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of PDN 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 one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum allowable rate for the first beneficiary and fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowable rate for the second patient when a private duty nurse is caring for two (2) beneficiaries simultaneously in the same home.

The Division of Medicaid, as required by state law, will reduce the rate of reimbursement to PDN providers 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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