

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 30, 2020

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0006 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Reimbursement. 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 July 1, 2020, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #20-0006.

1. Mississippi Medicaid 20-0006 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Reimbursement removes the annual ASD rate updates and specifies that Autism rates will remain the same as those effective July 1, 2019.
2. The expected annual cost savings of \$3,051 is a result of ASD rates no longer being updated annually based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported changes in the seasonally adjusted health care and social assistance compensation for civilian workers effective July 1 of each year. This savings of \$3,051 was calculated using CY2019 ASD expenditures which represent the average percentage of increase in fees of 2.7% and includes both the federal and state share.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA in order to comply with federal Medicaid regulations. 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 requires the Division of Medicaid to submit a SPA describing the policy and methods used in setting payment rates for each type of service included in the Mississippi State Plan.
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

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The Division of Medicaid reimburses Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services in accordance with the most recent publication of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) ©American Medical Association. Reimbursement for ASD service codes is the lesser of the usual and customary charge or a rate calculated by an actuarial firm based on Division of Medicaid anticipated mix of providers delivering each service, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage and benefit information, provider overhead cost estimates, and annual hours at work and percentage of work time that is billable. The rates effective for July 1st for 2017, 2018 and 2019 were updated annually based on changes in the seasonally adjusted health care and social assistance compensation for civilian workers as reported by BLS on July 1. Effective July 1, 2020, the rates will remain the same as those effective July 1, 2019.

Rates for ASD services are the same for private and governmental providers and are published on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#>.

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