

# PUBLIC NOTICE

June 30, 2021

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0033 Therapy Services. 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, 2021, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #21-0033.

1. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0033 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to 1) set the fees for therapy services the same as those in effect for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, and 2) remove the five percent (5%) reimbursement reduction effective July 1, 2021.
2. The estimated annual aggregate expenditures of the Division of Medicaid are expected to be \$51,313 in federal funds for federal fiscal year 2021 (FFY21) and \$46,075 in state funds for state fiscal year 2022 (SFY22) and \$194,839 in federal funds for FFY22. The expenditures are calculated by removal of the five percent reduction and then comparing the difference with the actual FY2018 expenditures for therapy services which included the five percent (5%) reduction.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 which requires all policy and methods used in setting payment rates for services be included in the State Plan. The changes in this SPA are being made to be in compliance with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, amended by MS Senate Bill 2799, effective July 1, 2021. Additional authority: Miss. Code § 43-13-121.
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.

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Therapy Services (provided in a non-hospital setting)

Physical therapy services – Reimbursement is made from a Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform fee schedule based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare fee schedule in effect January 1, 2020.

Occupational therapy services – Reimbursement is made from a Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform fee schedule based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare fee schedule in effect January 1, 2020.

Speech-language pathology services – Reimbursement is made from a Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform fee schedule based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare fee schedule in effect January 1, 2020.

Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in the Plan are reimbursed according to the methodology described above.

Except as otherwise noted in the Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services in a non-hospital setting. Effective July 1, 2021, Mississippi Medicaid's statewide uniform fee schedule for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services will remain the same as those effective for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 for services provided on or after that date. All rates may be viewed at [Fee Schedules and Rates | Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](#)

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Occupational therapy services – Reimbursement is made from a Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform fee schedule based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare fee schedule in effect January 1, 2020. Fees for occupational therapy services are updated July of each year for services rendered on or after that date and are reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the current Medicare rate.

Speech-language pathology services – Reimbursement is made from a Mississippi Medicaid statewide uniform fee schedule based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare fee schedule in effect January 1, 2020. Fees for speech language pathology services are updated July of each year for services rendered on or after that date and are reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the current Medicare rate.

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