



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
MEDICAID

MS State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0035 Telehealth Services

Public Comments:



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Ms. Margaret Wilson
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RE: MS SPA 21-0035 Telehealth Services

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Please accept this letter as an official public comment to the Mississippi Division of Medicaid on behalf of the Mississippi State Department of Health regarding Public Notice for MS SPA 21-0035 Telehealth Services. The Mississippi Division of Medicaid included in the public notice that Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and Community Mental Health Centers

delivering simultaneous distant and originating site can receive the originating or distant site facility fees when such services are appropriately provided by the same organization.

The Mississippi State Department of Health respectfully requests that the Division of Medicaid consider adding Mississippi State Department of Health Clinics to the list of allowed providers. The Mississippi State Department of Health is reimbursed using a Rural Health Clinic cost report methodology, which is the same as one of the newly allowed providers and is capable of providing telehealth services in accordance with Mississippi Division of Medicaid requirements, as the Agency has been doing so for some time without being eligible for reimbursement via telehealth fees.

Sincerely,



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State Health Officer