

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 27, 2022

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0002 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Services Rate Update. 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 January 1, 2023, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #23-0002.

1. Mississippi Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0002 Autism Spectrum Disorder Rate Update is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to update reimbursement for autism spectrum disorder services to the lesser of the usual and customary charge or a fee from a statewide uniform fee schedule. Fee schedule rates are calculated based on the greater of a rate calculated by an actuarial firm or the rate in effect as of January 1, 2022, effective January 1, 2023.
2. The expected annual aggregate increase in expenditures as a result of this SPA is \$156,266. This estimate was calculated by applying the proposed rate updates to calendar year 2021 utilization data.
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.
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 601-359-3984 or by emailing at DOMPolicy@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 DOMPolicy@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 fee from the statewide uniform fee schedule. Fee schedule rates are calculated based on the greater of:

1. A rate calculated by an actuarial firm, or
2. The fee schedule rate in effect as of January 1, 2022.

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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~~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.~~

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