

PUBLIC NOTICE

April 28, 2023

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0019 Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC). 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 May 1, 2023, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #23-0019.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 23-0019 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to continue the fifteen percent (15%) increase for Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facilities that were made effective October 1, 2022 beyond the end of the federal Public Health Emergency.
2. The anticipated economic impact is budget neutral. This State Plan Amendment continues the current rate beyond the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to comply 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 601-359-3984 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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Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of PPEC services. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~January 1, 2020~~ October 1, 2022, 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/>.

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