

PUBLIC NOTICE

November 25, 2025

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0003 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Rates. 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 December 1, 2025, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #25-0003.

1. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0003 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to update the reimbursement for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services to rates calculated by an actuarial firm.
2. The estimated annual aggregate impact is an increase of \$1,656,701. The expected increase in federal annual expenditures is \$1,061,669 for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FFY26) and \$1,275,494 for FFY27. The expected increase in state annual aggregate expenditures is \$318,915 for FFY26 and \$381,207 for FFY27.
3. This SPA is being submitted in order to comply with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 which requires the State Plan to describe the policy and methods used in setting payment rates for each type of service included in the Mississippi State Plan. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117 and 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, 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. Effective December 1, 2025, ASD service ~~Fee schedule~~ rates are calculated ~~based on the greater of:~~

1. ~~A rate calculated by an actuarial firm and are effective for services provided on or after that date, or~~
2. ~~The fee schedule rate in effect as of January 1, 2022.~~

Rates for ASD and non-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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