

## **Regional Operations Group**

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June 26, 2019

### **Our Reference: NM SPA 19-0005**

Ms. Nicole Comeaux  
Director  
Medical Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

Attention: Jennifer Vigil

Dear Ms. Comeaux:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the New Mexico State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 19-0005, dated March 29, 2019. This state plan amendment increases payments for several behavioral health services fees.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official New Mexico State Plan with an effective date change of January 1, 2019. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan page are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by e-mail at [Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks  
Director  
Regional Operations Group

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

1 9 — 0 0 5

2. STATE

New Mexico

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2019

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

NEW STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 447 Subpart F

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2019 \$ 2,250,000

b. FFY 2020 \$ 3,000,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19B page 3

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19B page 3

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Behavioral Health Fee Schedule Pricing changes

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

Authority delegated to the Medicaid Director

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



13. TYPED NAME

Nicole Comeaux

14. TITLE

Director, Medical Assistance Division

15. DATE SUBMITTED

March 29, 2019

16. RETURN TO

Nicole Comeaux, J.D., M.P.H., Director

Medical Assistance Division

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Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

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17. DATE RECEIVED

March 29, 2019

18. DATE APPROVED

June 26, 2019

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 2019

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL



21. TYPED NAME

Bill Brooks

22. TITLE

Director  
Regional Operations Group

23. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES  
--OTHER TYPES OF CARE

**Attachment 4.19-B**

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**A. Other Practitioners Services**

1. Behavioral health professional services are reimbursed on a fee schedule basis applicable to psychologists, counselors, therapists, licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors, behavioral health agencies, licensed independent social workers and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>.

Non-independent behavioral health practitioners who are required by state law to be supervised are not paid directly for their services. Rather, payment is made to the supervising practitioner, or the appropriate group, licensed treatment and diagnostic center or agency to which the behavioral health worker belongs.

2. Independently practicing certified Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists are reimbursed at 90% of the physician fee schedule as described in Item I. A of Attachment 4.19 B, including preventive services for alternative benefit plan recipients.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2019 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>.

3. Certified nurse anesthetists and anesthesiology assistants are reimbursed a rate per anesthesia unit for the procedure and for units of time for medically directed and non-medically directed services.

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of March 31, 2014 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>.

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