July 3, 2013

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STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 13-020

Dear Ms. Nagle:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is submitting State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-020 to reflect the effective date for the 2013 reimbursement rate for alternative birth centers. The 2013 reimbursement rate will be effective on or after July 1, 2013. Medi-Cal currently covers alternative birth centers and professionals who provide services in them.

On June 14, 2013, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) informed DHCS that tribal consultation is not required for this SPA. DHCS has submitted a Public Notice reflecting the proposed changes for the effective date for the 2013 rate and will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on June 28, 2013.

Enclosed are the following forms for SPA 13-020:

- Attachment 4.19-B
- HCFA Form -179

If you have any questions regarding this SPA, please contact John Mendoza, Chief, Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division at (916) 552-9639 or by email at John.Mendoza@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

Toby Douglas
Director
cc: John Mendoza, Chief
Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 13-020
2. STATE: California
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013
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:
   Affordable Care Act, Section 2301
7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
   a. FFY 2013-14 $1,157
   b. FFY 2014-15 $4,628
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
   Attachment 4.19-B, page 65
9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
   Attachment 4.19-B, page 65
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
   Adjust the effective date of the new 2013 rate for Alternative Birth Centers.
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:
     The Governor’s Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:
   Original Document Signed By:
   Toby Douglas
13. TYPED NAME:
   Toby Douglas
14. TITLE:
   Director
15. DATE SUBMITTED:
   July 3, 2013
16. RETURN TO:
   Department of Health Care Services
   Attn: State Plan Coordinator
   1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.326
   P.O. Box 997417
   Sacramento, CA 95899-7417
17. DATE RECEIVED:  
18. DATE APPROVED:  
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  
20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:  
21. TYPED NAME:  
22. TITLE:  
23. REMARKS:  

FORM HCFA-179 (07-92)
STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: California

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALTERNATIVE BIRTH CENTERS AND LICENSED OR OTHERWISE STATE-RECOGNIZED COVERED PROFESSIONALS PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE ALTERNATIVE BIRTH CENTER

Alternative Birth Center services described in paragraph 29.a of Attachment 3.1-A and in paragraph 28.a of Attachment 3.1-B of the California State Plan are reimbursed at the lower of (1) the usual and customary rate, or (2) California Department of Health Care Services’ (DHCS’) published statewide all-inclusive rate per delivery.

DHCS’ fee schedule was will be set as of January July 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The DHCS rates are published on the DHCS Website at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/rates/rateshome.asp.

The all-inclusive reimbursement rate is updated annually and is based on the annual published legislative report of average contract rate for general acute care hospitals with Medi-Cal contracts (as published by the California Medical Assistance Commission or other entity that may assume this responsibility).

Reimbursement rates for licensed or otherwise State-recognized covered professionals providing services in an Alternative Birth Center as described in paragraph 29.b of Attachment 3.1-A and in paragraph 28.b of Attachment 3.1-B are published on the DHCS Website referenced above.

Except as otherwise provided in the State Plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Alternative Birth Center services.
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