DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Region IX
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations
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DEC 16 2011

Toby Douglas, Director
Director, California Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 05-010, which removes the supervision requirements for credentialed speech-language pathologists under the Local Education Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal billing option program. The SPA is effective October 1, 2009.

Enclosed are the following approved SPA pages that should be incorporated into your approved State Plan:

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 26, 27, 28, 29
Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, pages 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Kenline at (415) 744-3591 or at carolyn.kenline@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Gloria Nagle, Ph.D., M.P.A.
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Marguerite Schervish, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Rick Record, California Department of Health Care Services
Kathyryn Waje, California Department of Health Care Services

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: **05-010**

2. STATE: CA

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
October 1, 2009

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:

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY ~~2009/2010~~ 2010 $4,500,000
b. FFY ~~2010/2011~~ 2011 $6,500,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Limitation on Attachment 3.1-A pages 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, and 9d
Limitation on Attachment 3.1-A pages 26, 27, 28, and 29
Limitation on Attachment 3.1-B pages 9, 9a, 9b, 9c and 9d
Limitation on Attachment 3.1-B pages 26, 27, 28, and 29, and 25

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*:

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Limitation on Attachment 3.1-B pages 9, 9a, 9b, 9c and 9d
Limitation on Attachment 3.1-B pages 26, 27, 28, and 29, and 25

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
To remove supervision requirements for credentialed Speech-Language Pathologist under the Local Education Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Program.

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:

13. TYPED NAME:
Toby Douglas

14. TITLE:
Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 10/25/11

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

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17. DATE RECEIVED: September 21, 2011

18. DATE APPROVED: DEC 16 2011

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: October 1, 2009

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: Gloria Nagle

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS: Pen and ink changes approved via email dated November 17, 2011.

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24g Local Education Agency (LEA) Services (cont.)	IEP/IFSP Assessments • Health and mental health evaluation and education (EPSDT also covered in Subsection 4b and 13d) includes psychosocial and developmental assessments to determine a student's eligibility for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or to obtain information on the student to identify and modify the health related services in the IEP/IFSP. These assessments, referred to as IEP/IFSP assessments, include psychological, speech language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiological and health evaluations.	Provider Qualifications Services must be performed by providers who meet the applicable qualification requirements as defined in 42 C.F.R. Part 440 who render services, within their scope of practice, as established in state law. Rendering providers of LEA services are licensed physicians/psychiatrists, licensed physician's assistants, licensed optometrists, licensed registered nurses, licensed credentialed school nurses, certified public health nurses, certified nurse practitioners, licensed vocational nurses, trained health care aides, registered school audiometrists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed psychologists, licensed educational psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists (formerly licensed marriage, family and child counselors), credentialed school psychologists, credentialed school social workers, credentialed pupil service workers, licensed speech pathologists, licensed audiologists, credentialed speech-language pathologists (formerly credentialed language, speech and hearing specialists), credentialed audiologists (formerly credentialed language, speech and hearing specialists), licensed physical therapists, registered occupational therapists, and registered dieticians. The State's Attorney General, in opinion #06-1011, dated November 30, 2006, concluded that the State's qualifications for the professional clear credential and the preliminary credential for speech-language pathologists were equivalent to the federal speech-pathologists qualifications in 42 CFR 440.110. In addition, the following limitations apply: • Credentialed school psychologists may provide psychosocial assessments, health education and anticipatory guidance, and psychological treatment services recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts only to the extent authorized under Business and Professions Code Section 2909 and Education Code Sections 49422 and 49424 to Medicaid eligible students.

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24g Local Education Agency (LEA) Services (cont.)	Treatment Services • Physical therapy, (as covered in Subsection 11(a); • Occupational therapy (as covered in Subsection 11(b); • Speech/audiology (as covered in Subsection 11(c); • Physician services (as covered in Subsection 5(a); • Psychology (as covered in Subsections 6(d) and 13(d); • Nursing services (as covered in Subsection 4 (b) and 13(c); • School health aide services (as covered in Subsections 13(d) and 24(a); • Medical transportation (as covered in Subsection 24(a).	• Credentialed school social workers may provide psychosocial assessments, health education and anticipatory guidance, and psychosocial treatment services recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts only to the extent authorized under Business and Professions Code Sections 4996, 4996.9, 4996.14 and 4996.15 and Education Code Section 44874 to Medicaid eligible students. • Credentialed audiologists may provide audiological and communication disorders assessments and treatment services, for which a student has been referred by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, under the direction of a licensed audiologist only to the extent authorized under Business and Professions Code Sections 2530.2, 2530.5 and 2532 and Education Code Sections 44225 and 44268 to Medicaid eligible students.

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24g Local Education Agency (LEA) Services (cont.)		• Credentialed speech-language pathologists who have a preliminary or professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology may provide assessments and treatment services related to speech, voice, language, or swallowing disorders, for which a student has been referred by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts only to the extent authorized under Business and Professions Code Sections 2530.2, 2530.5 and 2532 and Education Code Sections 44225 and 44268 to Medicaid eligible students. Credentialed speech-language pathologists who do not have a preliminary or professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology may provide services under the direction of a licensed speech-language pathologist or a credentialed speech-language pathologist who has a professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology. The State's Attorney General, in opinion #06-1011, dated November 30, 2006, concluded that the State's qualifications for the professional clear credential and the preliminary credential for speech-language pathologists were equivalent to the federal speech-pathologists qualifications in 42 CFR 440.110. • Credentialed pupil service workers may provide psychosocial assessments only; • Registered dietitians and nutritionists may provide assessments of nutritional status and nutritional education only; • School health aides may provide trained health aide services only under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner or licensed vocational nurse and only to the extent authorized under federal law and the California Business and Professions Code.

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24g Local Education Agency (LEA) Services (cont.)		• The definition of "under the direction of" a licensed audiologist, licensed speech-language pathologist or credentialed speech-language pathologist who has a professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology is that the practitioner is individually involved with the patient under his or her direction and accepts professional and legal responsibility for the actions of the credentialed practitioners that he or she agrees to direct. The practitioner must see each patient at least once, have some input into the type of care provided, and review the patient after treatment has begun. LEAs providing LEA services may be subject to on-site review and/or audit by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and/or its agents, the single state agency and/or its agents or the Department of Education under an interagency agreement with the single state agency.

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