

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
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San Francisco Regional Office  
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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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November 26, 2018

Mari Cantwell  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Cantwell:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0039, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 14, 2018. SPA 18-0039 will add pharmacists under the "Other Licensed Practitioner" provider category so that Medi-Cal may reimburse these providers for services for already-covered medications such as self-administered hormonal contraception, nicotine replacement therapy, travel medications, and the opioid antagonist naloxone. The rate of reimbursement for these pharmacist services will be at 85% of the fee schedule for physician services under the Medi-Cal program.

The effective date of this SPA is April 1, 2019. Enclosed are the following approved SPA pages that should be incorporated into your approved state plan:

- Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 12a.7
- Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 12a.7
- Attachment 4.19-B, page 1
- Supplement 17 to Attachment 4.19-B, page 2

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at [Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Dzung Hoang  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Rene Mollow, DHCS  
Paul Pontrelli, DHCS  
Harry Hendrix, DHCS  
Mike Woffoard, DHCS  
Nathaniel Emery, DHCS  
Angeli Lee, DHCS

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>1 8 - 0 3 9</u>	2. STATE CA
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE April 1, 2019	

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

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 440.60 & 42 CFR 447, Subpart F	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY18/19 \$ <del>300,000</del> 450,000 \$0 b. FFY19/20 \$ 0
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A & Att. 3.1-B, pages 12a.7 Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1 Supplement 17 to Attachment 4.19-B, page 2	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1 Supplement 17 to Attachment 4.19-B, page 2

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Proposes to authorize reimbursement and establish rates for specified pharmacists services.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

ORIGINAL SIGNED

16. RETURN TO  
Department of Health Care Services  
Attn: State Plan Coordinator  
1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.3.26  
P.O. Box 997417  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7417

15. DATE SUBMITTED  
September 14, 2018

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED September 14, 2018	18. DATE APPROVED November 26, 2018
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL April 1, 2019	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL /s/
21. TYPED NAME Dzung Hoang	22. TITLE Acting Associate Regional Administrator, Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS

For Box 11 "OTHER, As Specified": Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.  
Boxes 6, 8-9 & 16: CMS pen & ink edits to add regulatory citations, new pages/correct page references and agency information approved by CA DHCS via email dated 11/20/18.  
Box 7a. CMS pen & ink edit to restate FFY18-19 to \$0 per CA DHCS email response dated 10/17/18.

STATE PLAN CHART

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6d.9. Licensed Pharmacist Services	Licensed Pharmacist may perform all services under California’s Scope of Practice Act law.	<p>Limited to services provided under scope of practice and to the extent permitted by applicable statutes and regulations. Limited to medically necessary services only. Does not include dispensing services.</p> <p>Licensed Pharmacist Services are limited to 6 visits in 90 days. Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) is required for Licensed Pharmacist Services visits that exceeds 6 visits in 90 days.</p>

\* Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

\*\* Coverage is limited to medically necessary services.

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Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE California

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- A. Non- institutional services for governmental and private providers listed in Supplement 17 of Attachment 4. 19- B are reimbursed the same using the methodology set forth in paragraph ( C).
- B. The State Agency's rates for the services listed in Supplement 17 were posted as of October 15, 2018, and are effective for dates of services on or after that date. The rates for these services are posted on the Medi-Cal Rates website at: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/rates/rateshome.asp>
- C. The policy of the State Agency is that reimbursement for each of the other types of care or service listed in Section 1905( a) of the Act that are included in the program under the plan will be at the lesser of usual charges or the limits specified in the California Code of Regulations( CCR), Title 22, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 7 ( commencing with Section 51501) and CCR, Title 17, Chapter 4, Subchapter 13, Sections 6800-6874, for EPSDT health assessment services, or as specified by any other means authorized by state law.
1. The methodology utilized by the State Agency in establishing payment rates will be as follows:
    - a) The development of an evidentiary base or rate study resulting in the determination of a proposed rate.
    - b) To the extent required by State or Federal law or regulations, the presentation of the proposed rate at public hearing to gather public input to the rate determination process.
    - c) The determination of a payment rate based on an evidentiary base, including pertinent input from the public.
    - d) The establishment of the payment rate through the State Agency's adoption of regulations specifying such rate in the CCR, Title 22, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 7 ( commencing with Section 51501), and CCR, Title 17, Chapter 4, Subchapter 13, commencing with Section 6868, Schedule of Maximum Allowances for EPSDT health assessment, or through any other means authorized by State law.

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act  
State: California

**NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES**

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- d. Other practitioners' services.
- Licensed Pharmacist Services are reimbursed at 85 percent of the current fee schedule for physician services. Payment for Licensed Pharmacist Services does not include dispensing services outlined in Supplement 2 to Attachment 4.19-B.
9. Clinic services, other than those specific clinic services that are identified and described in Supplements 5, 9 and 10 to Attachment 4.19-B.
11. Physical therapy and related services.
- a. Physical therapy.
  - b. Occupational therapy.
  - c. Services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders (provided by or under the supervision of a speech pathologist or audiologist).
12. Prosthetic devices; hearing aids; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist.
- c. Prosthetic devices and hearing aids.
  - d. Eye glasses.
13. Other preventive services, i.e., other than those provided elsewhere in the plan, as referenced in Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B. Excludes substance abuse services provided under Drug Medi-Cal.
- c. Preventive services.
17. Nurse-midwife services.
18. Hospice care.
20. Extended services for pregnant women.
- a. Pregnancy-related and postpartum services for a 60-day period after the pregnancy ends and any remaining days in the month in which the 60th day