

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
10-020

2. STATE  
California

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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, 2010

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 435.831**

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2011: -\$27.46 million (savings)  
b. FFY 2012: -\$24.17 million (savings)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19B - Amend pages 3a, 3d and 3f

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

Attachment 4.19B, pages 3a, 3d and 3f

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Medi-Cal Reimbursement Methodology for Radiology Services

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:  
Governor's Office does not wish to Review  
State Plan Amendments

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



16. RETURN TO:

13. TYPED NAME:  
Toby Douglas

14. TITLE:  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs

15. DATE SUBMITTED: **12-22-2010**

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:

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23. REMARKS:



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STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 10-020: Medi-Cal Reimbursement Methodology for  
Radiology Services

Dear Ms. Nagle,

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is submitting the following  
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-020 documents for your review and approval:

- Attachment 4.19B (amends pages 3a, 3d and 3f)
- CMS form 179 - Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material
- SPA Impact form

Senate Bill 853 (Chapter 717, Statutes of 2010) added Welfare & Institutions Code  
section 14105.08, which mandates that, effective October 1, 2010, Medi-Cal  
reimbursement rates for radiology services may not exceed 80 percent of the  
corresponding Medicare rate. This SPA amends pages 3a, 3d and 3f of Attachment  
4.19-B to add this new rate methodology.

A Notice of General Public Interest, explaining the proposed change to the rate  
methodology for radiology services, was published in the June 25, 2010 California State  
Notice Register.

DHCS notified Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations of the reduction  
to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for radiology services in a letter dated November 19,  
2010. On November 22, 2010, DHCS hosted a Webinar and presented additional  
information related to various SPAs, including SPA 10-022 (see enclosed). To date,  
DHCS has not received any comments to these changes from providers, beneficiaries  
or other interested parties.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Vickie Orlich, Chief, Benefits, Waiver Analysis, and Rates Division, at (916) 552-9400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Douglas', written in a cursive style.

Toby Douglas  
Chief Deputy Director  
Health Care Programs

Enclosures

REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR ESTABLISHING  
REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT,  
ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES, LABORATORY,  
AND RADIOLOGY SERVICES

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  - (a) Reimbursement for the rental or purchase of durable medical equipment with a specified maximum allowable rate established by Medicare, except wheelchairs, wheelchair accessories, wheelchair replacement parts, and speech-generating devices and related accessories, shall be the lesser of the following:
    - (1) The amount billed in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 51008.1, entitled “Upper Billing Limit”, that states that bills submitted shall not exceed an amount that is the lesser of the usual charges made to the general public or the net purchase price of the item (as documented in the provider’s books and records), plus no more than a 100 percent mark-up. (Refer to Reimbursement Methodology table at page 3e.)
    - (2) An amount that does not exceed 80 percent of the lowest maximum allowance for California established by the federal Medicare program for the same or similar item or service. (Refer to Reimbursement Methodology Table at page 3e.)
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**Reimbursement Methodology Table**

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4	October 1, 2003	May not exceed 80% of the lowest maximum allowance established by the federal Medicare program for the same or similar services	California Welfare and Institutions Code section 14105.22
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