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RE: TN 22-0067-A

Dear Ms. Cooper:

We have reviewed the proposed California State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, CA-22-0067-A, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 23, 2022. This SPA establishes ongoing 4.19-B authority for a FQHC/RHC standalone COVID vaccine APM and non-FQHC IHS/638 COVID vaccine FFS payment at 100% of the Medicare rate.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1st, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Blake Holt at 303-844-6218 or blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Todd McMillion
Director
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Enclosures

B1. ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT METHODOLOGY (APM) TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHC) AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC) TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION.

- a. APM Reimbursement:
 - i. The APM for COVID-19 vaccine administration when administered during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit will be a separate supplemental payment to the applicable Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) rate or applicable APM for a medical visit as described in Attachment 4.19-B, beginning on page 6B.1.
 - ii. COVID-19 vaccine reimbursement will be paid at 100% of the Medicare national equivalent rates, without any geographic adjustment, in effect at the time that the service is provided. Reimbursement for the supplemental payment will occur at time of billing.
 - iii. When the COVID-19 vaccine is administered as part of an otherwise billable FQHC/RHC encounter per Attachment 4.19-B, the encounter is reimbursed under the existing PPS/APM per Attachment 4.19-B, and no supplemental payment will be made. The FQHC or RHC provider must agree to receive the APM, and the payments made under the APM for stand-alone COVID-19 vaccine administration will not be less than what would be paid for this service under the PPS methodology.

- b. APM Term:
 - i. Date of service is January 1, 2023.

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TRIBAL 638 HEALTH FACILITIES

Supplemental Payments for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

- a. Reimbursement:
 - i. Payment for a COVID-19 vaccine administration given during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit will be a separate supplemental payment to the applicable All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) for a medical visit as described in Supplement 6 Attachment 4.19-B. This additional reimbursement is necessary to account for the increase in vaccine-only visits due to COVID-19 vaccine administration not included in the AIR.
 - ii. The supplemental payment will be available at the applicable fee schedule rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration when the COVID-19 vaccine is administered during a COVID-19 vaccine-only visit. COVID-19 vaccine reimbursement will be paid at 100% of the Medicare national equivalent rates, without any geographic adjustment, in effect at the time that the service is provided. Reimbursement for the supplemental payment will occur at time of billing.
 - iii. When the COVID-19 vaccine is administered as part of an otherwise billable IHS-MOA 638 provider encounter described in Supplement 6 Attachment 4.19-B, the encounter is reimbursed under the existing AIR and no supplemental payment will be made.
- b. Supplemental Payment Term:
 - i. Date of service is January 1, 2023.