

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Financial Management Group**

December 8, 2021

Karen Kimsey, Director  
The Commonwealth of Virginia  
Department of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street, #1300  
Richmond, VA 23219

Attn: Regulatory Coordinator

**RE: Virginia State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0028**

Dear Ms. Kimsey:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of Virginia's state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This plan amendment increases rates for skilled and private duty nursing, and allows for overtime and sick leave for providers of consumer-directed care under certain circumstances.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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 Jerica Bennett at 1-410-786-1167 or [jerica.bennett@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:jerica.bennett@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*Todd McMillion*

Todd McMillion  
Director  
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 1 0 2 8

2. STATE

Virginia

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

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

8/8/2021

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 447

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2021 \$ 8,592,863  
b. FFY 2022 \$ 20,820,178

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, revised page 6.2.1

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Same as box #8.

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Sick Leave, Overtime, and Private Duty Nursing Rate Increase

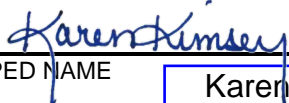
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



13. TYPED NAME

Karen Kimsey

14. TITLE

Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED

9/15/2021

16. RETURN TO

Dept. of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street, #1300  
Richmond VA 23219

Attn: Regulatory Coordinator

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17. DATE RECEIVED

September 15, 2021

18. DATE APPROVED

December 8, 2021

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

August 8, 2021

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL



21. TYPED NAME

Todd McMillion

22. TITLE

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

State of VIRGINIA

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATE-  
OTHER TYPES OF CARE**

16.1 Reimbursement for personal care services for individuals enrolled in the Medicaid Buy-In program described in Attachment 2.6A, Supplement 8a, p 1-3 or for personal care services covered under EPSDT. All governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same published fee schedule, located on the Agency's website at the following address: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/general-information/procedure-fee-files-cpt-codes/> The Agency's rates, based upon one-hour increments, were set as of May 1, 2021, and shall be effective for services on and after that date. Qualifying overtime for consumer-directed personal care provided under EPSDT will be paid 150% of the fee schedule, and qualifying sick leave for consumer –directed personal care provided under EPSDT will be at 100% of the fee schedule.

16.2. Private duty nursing services covered under EPSDT as defined per Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1A&B, page 6.4.8, with provider qualifications on page 6.4.8, are reimbursed based on a 15-minute unit of service in accordance with the State Agency fee schedule. The fee schedule is the same for both governmental and private providers and was set as of August 8, 2021 and shall be effective for services provided on and after that date. The state agency fee schedule is published on the DMAS website at <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/general-information/procedure-fee-files-cpt-codes/>

16.3 Medical Supplies, Equipment and Appliances (assistive technology) covered under EPSDT, as defined per Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1 A&B, page 6.4.9, with provider qualifications on page 6.4.10. The service shall be reimbursed based upon the total cost of all AT incurred by the provider.

16.4 Reserved.

16.5 Hospice services, as defined per Attachment 3.1 A&B, Supplement 1, pages 33-37. Hospice services payments are effective October 1 annually and are equivalent to the annual Medicaid hospice rates published by CMS. As of July 1, 2019, room and board will be reimbursed at a rate equal to 100 percent of the skilled nursing facility rate for Medicaid members receiving hospice services who reside in a nursing facility. Hospice services shall be paid according to the location of the service delivery and not the location of the Agency's home office. Payments to a hospice for inpatient care are limited according to the number of days of inpatient care furnished to Medicaid members. During the twelve (12) month period beginning October 1 of each year and ending September 30 of the next year, the aggregate number of inpatient days (both general inpatient days and inpatient respite care days) for any given hospice provider may not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total number of days of hospice care provided to all Medicaid members during the same period.

Services that are included in the hospice reimbursement are: (a) Routine Home Care where most hospice care is provided - Days 1- 60; (b) Routine Home Care where most hospice care is provided-Days 61 and over; (c) Continuous Home Care; (d) Hospice Inpatient Respite Care; (e) Hospice General Inpatient Care; (f) Service Intensity Add-On (SIA) will be made for a visit by a social worker or a registered nurse (RN), when provided during routine home care provided in the last 7 days of a Medicaid member's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the routine home care rate. The SIA Medicaid reimbursement will be equal to the Continuous Home Care hourly payment rate (as calculated annually by CMS), multiplied by the amount of direct patient care hours provided by an RN or social worker for up to four (4) hours total that occurred on the day of service, and adjusted by the appropriate hospice wage index published by CMS.

16.3.1 Effective July 1, 2019, the telehealth originating site facility fee shall be set at 100 percent of the Medicare rate and shall reflect changes annually based on any changes in the Medicare rate.

TN No. 21-028Approval Date 12/08/2021Effective Date 8-8-21

Supersedes

TN No. 21-003