State of Mississippi

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE

Physicians' services – Effective June 1, 2005, all fees for physicians' services that are covered for Medicaid-only beneficiaries shall be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each July thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act), as amended. For services provided to individuals who are eligible both for Medicare and for full Medicaid benefits. Medicaid reimburses providers in an amount equal to the Medicare cost-sharing amount owed for the service (including co-payments or coinsurance and any deductible owed).

The Division of Medicaid, as required by State law, shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by 5% of the allowed amount for that service. The Division of Medicaid shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by an additional .74% of the allowed amount for that service for a total reduction in the rate of reimbursement of 5.74%.

Physician services for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in the Plan are reimbursed according to the methodology, beginning on Page 5 of Attachment 4.19-B.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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Family planning Services and Supplies for Individuals - Payment is made from a Statewide uniform fee schedule based on 90 percent of the Medicare fee schedule with adjustments as authorized by the state Legislature. Payment to providers, such as federally qualified health center and rural health clinics, do not exceed the reasonable costs of providing services. Payments to health departments are on an encounter rate and are determined annually.

Family planning services for EPSDT recipients, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid recipients, as covered in this Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraph.

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Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption

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Office of the Governor
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Economic Impact Statement
For
Physician Providers

The Executive Director of Medicaid is required by law to recommend expenditure containments when expenditures are expected to exceed funds available for any fiscal year. Medicaid is facing a $90,000,000 shortfall in state revenues for FY2009; therefore, certain cost containment measures have been identified as necessary to balance Medicaid's budget. These measures include reducing certain non-institutional providers an additional .74% reduction in reimbursement in addition to the 5% reduction as outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-117 (1972 as amended).

It is estimated that it will cost the Division of Medicaid approximately $5,000 to enforce the increased reduction in payments to providers. This includes system changes and staff time.

An estimate of the total economic impact for physician providers, including small business providers, is noted in the chart below. The total economic impact for providers in State FY 2009 is equal to the sum of federal and state savings noted in the chart below. The Division of Medicaid estimated the impact utilizing the actual and estimated expenditures for the same services for FY2008.

FFY2008 Federal Savings	FFY2008 State Share Savings	FFY2009 Federal Savings	FFY2009 State Share Savings
$ 118,517	$ 36,834	$ 1,060,362	$ 337,795

The Division of Medicaid is facing a $90,000,000 shortfall in state revenues for FY2009. If this cost containment measure is not enacted, there will not be sufficient revenues to reimburse providers for the entire year.

State law limits cost containment measures that may be taken and precludes the Governor from changing eligibility or benefits; therefore, the best option to minimize overall Medicaid reimbursement levels and achieve these state savings is to restructure payments in this manner. An oral proceeding on this proposed rule is scheduled as described on the cover sheet (Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption) provided herewith. Persons may also submit written comments as described on the cover sheet (Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption) provided herewith.

A full copy of the Economic Impact Statement may be obtained from the Division of Medicaid's web site at www.dom.state.ms.us.