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Our Reference: SPA LA 14-06

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Attn: Darlene Adams
Jodie Hebert

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 14-06. The SPA proposes to amend the provisions governing Other Licensed Practitioners covered under the Medicaid State Plan in order to establish reimbursement for services rendered by licensed behavior analysts.

Transmittal Number 14-06 is approved with an effective date of February 1, 2014 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 14-06 dated February 28, 2014 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED
LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED MEDICAL AND
REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Medical and Remedial Care and Services
Item 4.b, (Cont'd)

42 CFR 440.60 - Other Licensed Practitioners

State: Louisiana
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Licensed Behavior Analyst

- A. The Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for, and payment to, licensed behavior analysts for services provided within their scope of practice. Licensed behavior analyst shall be reimbursed for Medicaid covered therapy services that are medically necessary, prior authorized by the Medicaid Program or its designee, and delivered in accordance with the recipient's treatment plan.

Licensed behavior analysts shall provide supervision to certified assistant behavior analysts and registered line technicians. Supervision is included in the State's Scope of Practice Act for licensed behavior analysts and they shall assume professional responsibility for the services rendered by an unlicensed practitioner.

B. Provider Qualifications

1. Licensed behavior analysts shall:
 - a. be licensed by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board;
 - b. be covered by professional liability insurance in the amount designated by the State;
 - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions on their Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral certification and/or state licensure;
 - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
 - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.
2. Certified assistant behavior analysts shall:
 - a. be certified by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board;
 - b. work under the supervision of a licensed behavior analyst, with the supervisory relationship documented in writing;
 - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions, if State-certified or Board-certified;
 - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
 - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.
3. Registered line technicians shall:
 - a. be registered by the Louisiana Behavioral Analyst Board;
 - b. work under the supervision of a licensed behavior analyst, with the supervisory relationship documented in writing;
 - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions, if State-certified or Board-certified;
 - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
 - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.

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PAYMENT OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Other Licensed Practitioners - Licensed Behavior Analysts

Reimbursement Methodology:

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2014, the Medicaid Program shall provide reimbursement to licensed behavior analysts who are enrolled with the Medicaid Program and in good standing with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of behavioral analysis. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of February 1, 2014 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Medicaid Provider website using the following link:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

The rates are based upon 15 minute units of service, with the exception of mental health services plan which shall be reimbursed at an hourly fee rate. Reimbursement shall only be made for services authorized by the Medicaid Program or its designee.

Reimbursement shall not be made to, or on behalf of services rendered by a parent, a legal guardian, or legally responsible person.

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