

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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**Financial Management Group**

April 20, 2020

Jacey Cooper  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

RE: TN 20-0004

Dear Ms. Cooper:

We have reviewed the proposed California State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, CA-20-0004, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This plan amendment updates the rates for Radiological services to pay no more than 80% of the corresponding Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rate.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2020. 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 415-744-3754 or [blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of 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 0 — 0 0 04

2. STATE

California

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

TITLE XIX OF THE SSA (MEDICAID)

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2020

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, Subpart F

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY 2020 \$ (238,094)

b. FFY 2021 \$ (317,459)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 3k

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

Attachment 4.19-B page 3k

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for Radiology Services

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED

COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

16. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services

Attn: Director's Office

P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000

Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

13. TYPED NAME

Jacey Cooper

14. TITLE

State Medicaid Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED

March 27, 2020

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17. DATE RECEIVED

18. DATE APPROVED

04/20/2020

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

01/01/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME

Todd McMillion

22. TITLE

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS

For Box 11 "Other, As Specified," Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE: California

REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES

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- 1) Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedules are the same for both governmental and private providers of radiological services. The department's fee schedule rates were set effective January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. All Medi-Cal Fee for Service rates are published at: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/rates/rateshome.asp>
- 2) Effective January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019, the reimbursement rates for radiology services will be set at no more than 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare 2019 Physician Fee Schedule rates. Any rate reflected at or below 80 percent will not be decreased.
- 3) The department's fee schedule rates will be adjusted and effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2020. All Medi-Cal Fee for Service rates are published at: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/rates/rateshome.asp>.
- 4) Effective January 1, 2020, the reimbursement rates for radiology services will continue to be set at no more than 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare 2020 Physician Fee Schedule rates. Any rate at or below 80 percent of the applicable Medicare rate will not be decreased.