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February 22, 2023

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RE: TN 22-0062

Dear Ms. Cooper:

We have reviewed the proposed California State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B, CA-22-0062, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 9th, 2022. This SPA establishes specific rates for the provision of the monkeypox vaccine.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of August 17, 2022. 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
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

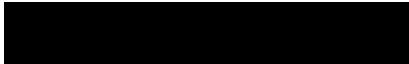
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER _____	2. STATE _____
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY _____ \$ _____ b. FFY _____ \$ _____
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT	


10. 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:
Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

11. SIGNATURE 	15. RETURN TO
12. TYPED NAME	
13. TITLE	
14. DATE SUBMITTED	

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16. DATE RECEIVED September 9, 2022	17. DATE APPROVED February 22, 2023
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL August 17, 2022	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Todd McMillion	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

2/10/22: State concurs with pen and ink change to Box 7, adding "Supplement 6 to Attachment 4.19-B, page 2c."
2/13/22: State concurs with pen and ink change to Box 7, striking "6AA5."

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

REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION TO
RESPOND TO THE MONKEYPOX PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

1. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Attachment, the reimbursement rates for administration of the Monkeypox (Mpox) vaccine will be established at 100 percent of the corresponding Medicare rate in effect on July 26, 2022 for the same or similar service, and will be effective beginning August 17, 2022 through the end of the State public health emergency that was declared on August 1, 2022 as a result of the Mpox outbreak.
 - a. The services described in this section are exempt from the ten percent payment reduction described in paragraph (13) on page 3.3 of this Attachment.
 - b. All Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service rates for Mpox vaccine services are published at: <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/rates/rateshome.aspx>.
 - c. At the conclusion of the State public health emergency, the reimbursement rates for Mpox vaccine administration will return to the Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service rates in effect as of July 31, 2022.

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

A1. ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT METHODOLOGY (APM) for time limited payments to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) to cover additional costs associated with Monkeypox (Mpox) vaccine administration.

- a. APM Reimbursement:
 - i. The supplemental payment will be available at the applicable fee-for-service rate for Mpox vaccine administration when the Mpox vaccine is administered during a Mpox vaccine-only visit. Reimbursement for the supplemental payment will occur at time of billing. When the Mpox 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.
 - ii. The FQHC or RHC provider must agree to receive the APM, and the total amount paid under this APM will not be less than what would be paid under the PPS methodology. The Mpox APM supplemental payment reimbursement from Medi-Cal managed care plans for Mpox vaccine only visits, will be separate from PPS reimbursement.
- b. APM Term:
 - i. Dates of service from August 17, 2022, through the end of the State public health emergency that was declared on August 1, 2022, as a result of the Mpox outbreak.
- c. Eligible Services:
 - i. Mpox vaccine administration pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, Public Health Emergency (PHE) Determination as the Result of the Consequences of Monkeypox, and as described further below, when administered during a Mpox vaccine-only visit.

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

REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TRIBAL 638 HEALTH
FACILITIES

Supplemental Payments for Monkeypox (Mpox) Vaccine Administration

- a. Reimbursement:
 - i. The supplemental payment for the Mpox vaccine administration when administered during a Mpox 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 Mpox vaccine administration not included in the AIR.
 - ii. The supplemental payment will be available at the applicable fee-for-service rate for Mpox vaccine administration when the Mpox vaccine is administered during a Mpox vaccine-only visit. Reimbursement for the supplemental payment will occur at time of billing.
 - iii. Administration of the Mpox vaccine during a billable encounter, as described in Supplement 6 Attachment 4.19-B, will be reimbursed at the AIR and no supplemental payment will be made.
- b. Supplemental Payment Term:
 - i. Dates of service from August 17, 2022, through the end of the State public health emergency that was declared on August 1, 2022, as a result of the Mpox outbreak.
- c. Eligible Services:
 - i. Mpox vaccine administration pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, Public Health Emergency (PHE) Determination as the Result of the Consequences of Monkeypox when administered during a Mpox vaccine-only visit.