

DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

December 1, 2016

Our Reference: SPA LA 16-0015

Ms. Jen Steele, State Medicaid Director Department of Health and Hospitals 628 North 4th St. Post Office Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attention: Darlene Budgewater

Dear Ms. Steele:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 16-0015 dated September 13, 2016. This state plan amendment amends the provisions for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to allow certified medical assistants to apply fluoride varnish under the direction of a physician and to establish training requirements for the applier of fluoride varnish.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Louisiana State Plan with an effective date change of September 20, 2016. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278 or by email at <u>Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Bill Brooks Associate Regional Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 0938-0193
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:	2. STATE
STATE PLAN MATERIAL	16-0015	Louisiana
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: T SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDI	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE	
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	September 20, 2016	
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:	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:	
42 CFR 440 Subpart B	a. FFY <u>2016</u>	<u>\$0</u>
42 CFR 447 Subpart A	b. FFY <u>2017</u>	<u>\$0</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):	
Attachment 3.1-A Item 2c, Page 1b	Same (TN 11-0037)	

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions governing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in order to allow certified medical assistants to apply fluoride varnish under the direction of a certified physician, and to establish training requirements for appliers of fluoride varnish.

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 SUBMIT	OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor does not review state plan material. TAL
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 13. TYPED NAME: Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH 14. TITLE: Secretary 15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 13, 2016	16. RETURN TO:Jen Steele, Medicaid DirectorState of LouisianaLouisiana Department of Health628 N. 4th StreetP.O. Box 91030Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030
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17. DATE RECEIVED: 13 September, 2016	18. DATE APPROVED: 1 December, 2016
PLAN APPROVED – O	ONE COPY ATTACHED
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
20 September, 2016	Bell Broks
21. TYPED NAME: BILL BROOKS	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
23. REMARKS:	

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

6. Fluoride Varnish Applications

Effective for dates of service on or after September 20, 2016, the Department shall provide coverage for fluoride varnish applications to recipients under the age of 21 based on medical necessity when performed in the FQHC.

- 1. Fluoride varnish applications shall be reimbursed when performed in the FQHC by:
 - a. the appropriate dental providers;
 - b. physicians;
 - c. physician assistants;
 - d. nurse practitioners;
 - e. registered nurses;
 - f. licensed practical nurses; or
 - g. certified medical assistants.
- 2. All participating staff must review the Smiles for Life training module for fluoride varnish and successfully pass the post assessment. All staff involved in the varnish application must be deemed as competent to perform the service by the FQHC.

State: Louisiana Date Received: 13 September, 2016 Date Approved: 1 December, 2016 Date Effective: 20 September, 2016 Transmittal Number: 16-0015