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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

June 26, 2025

James G. Scott, Director
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Kansas City Regional Operations Group
Division of Medicaid Field Operations-North
601 East 12th Street, Suite 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898

RE: Nebraska State Plan Amendment NE 25-0018

Dear Mr. Scott:

Enclosed please find the above referenced amendment to the Nebraska Medicaid State Plan regarding outpatient practitioner provider reimbursement.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care sent notice on May 16, 2025 (attached) to the federally recognized Native American Tribes and Indian Health Programs within the State of Nebraska to discuss the impact the proposed state plan amendment might have, if any, on the Tribes. No comments were received.


If you have content questions, please feel free to contact Jeremy Brunssen at jeremy.brunssen@nebraska.gov or 402-540-0380. For submittal questions, please contact Dawn Kastens at dawn.kastens@nebraska.gov or 531-893-3379.

Sincerely,

Drew Gonshorowski, Director
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Tyson Christensen

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <table border="1"><tr><td>2</td><td>5</td><td>—</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>8</td></tr></table>	2	5	—	0	0	1	8	2. STATE <table border="1"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr></table>	N	E
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XIX <input type="checkbox"/> XXI												
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2026										
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 447		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2026</u> \$ <u>75,338</u> b. FFY <u>2027</u> \$ <u>102,962</u>										
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Att. 4.19-B, Item 5, Pg 1a (new)		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>) Click or tap here to enter text.										
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Outpatient Practitioner Provider Reimbursement												
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>) <input type="radio"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="radio"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="radio"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Governor has waived review												
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 		15. RETURN TO Dawn Kastens Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509										
12. TYPED NAME Drew Gonshorowski												
13. TITLE Director, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care												
14. DATE SUBMITTED June 26, 2025												
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22. REMARKS												

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Nebraska Medicaid will implement a one-time rate adjustment that will be applied to physician services effective January 1, 2026. This rate update will be implemented as follows:

1. Increase labor and delivery codes to 135% of Medicare geographically adjusted rates;
2. Increase evaluation and management codes to 120% of Medicare geographically adjusted rates;
3. Increase all other services not listed in steps 1-2 by 20% compared to rates from the January 1, 2025, Nebraska Medicaid physician fee schedule; and
4. As applicable, increase rates for all services listed in steps 1-3 above by 10% when the service is rendered in a rural county in Nebraska.
 - a. All counties, with the exception of Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties are considered rural counties for the purposes of this one-time rural county rate adjustment.

Transmittal # NE 25-0018

Supersedes _____ Approved _____

Effective _____

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