Financial Management Group/ Division of Reimbursement Review

April 10, 2020

Lori Coyner
State Medicaid director
Oregon Health Authority
500 Summer Street Northeast, E-15
Salem, Oregon 97301-1079

RE: Oregon State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 20-0006

Dear Ms. Coyner:

We have reviewed the proposed Oregon State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 26th, 2020. This plan amendment increased the telemedicine/Telehealth rates due to the COVID-19 public health Emergency (PHE) and will sunset at the end of the PHE.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of March 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 DRR analyst James Moreth at James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2043.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Acting Director

Enclosures
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 440 Services

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 3.1-A, page 12
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 42  □ NEW

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This transmittal is being submitted to expand telehealth services and increase reimbursement to selected CPT codes.

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 SUBMITTAL

□ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor does not wish to review any plan materials.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME Lori Coyner, MA

14. TITLE: State Medicaid Director, OHA

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 3-26-2020

16. RETURN TO:
Oregon Health Authority
Medical Assistance Programs
500 Summer Street NE E-65
Salem, OR 97301

ATTN: Jesse Anderson, State Plan Manager

17. DATE RECEIVED:
18. DATE APPROVED: 04/10/2020

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 3/1/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: Todd McMillion

21. TYPED NAME: Todd McMillion

22. TITLE: Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS:
STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State/Territory: OREGON

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Telemedicine/telehealth:

The Authority reimbursement of patient to clinician telephonic and electronic services for established patients are based upon a Relative Value Unit (RVU) weight-based rates for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes. Oregon assigned a higher RVU weight for specific codes multiplied by a state-wide factor in order for the rate to be equivalent to a face-to-face encounter as follows:

99441=$16.04
99442=$31.44
99443=$51.97

Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All rates are published on the agency’s web at https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Fee-Schedule.aspx

This increased portion of the rate is time limited and will end on the last day of the declared COVID-19 emergency.