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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 15-0021**

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May 2, 2016

Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 64983  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #15-0021      -- Revises the criteria for participation in the critical access dental program, and increases payment rates for dental providers located outside of the Twin Cities metro area.

--Effective Date: July 1, 2015

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at [Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth A. Hughes  
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc:     Ann Berg, MDHS  
       Sean Barrett, MDHS

10. Dental services. (continued)

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- 5) County or city owned and operated hospital-based dental clinics; and
- 6) Private practicing dentists if:
  - a) the dentist's office is located within a health professional shortage area as defined under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 5, and United States Code, title 42, section 254E;
  - b) more than 50 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;
  - c) ~~the dentist does not restrict access or services because of a patient's financial limitations or public assistance status;~~ and
  - d) the level of service provided by the dentist is critical to maintaining adequate levels of patient access within the service area in which the dentist operates.

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10. Dental services (continued):

**X-ray services** are paid according to the dental services methodology listed above. Effective January 1, 2002, payment for x-ray services provided to recipients under age 21 are paid the lower of:

- 1) the submitted charge; or
- 2) 85% of the median charges submitted in 1999.

**Diagnostic examinations** are paid according to the dental services methodology listed above. Effective January 1, 2002, payment for diagnostic examinations provided to recipients under age 21 are paid the lower of:

- 1) the submitted charge; or
- 2) 85% of the median charges submitted in 1999.

Effective for services provided on or after October 1, 1999, **tooth sealants** and **fluoride treatments** are paid at the lower of:

- 1) submitted charge; or
- 2) 80% of the median charges submitted in 1997.

Effective January 1, 2000, the rate is increased by three percent.

**Medical and surgical services** (as defined by the Department) furnished by dentists are paid using the same methodology as item 5.a., Physicians' services.

**Community health worker services** educating patients to promote good oral health and self-management of dental conditions when supervised by a dentist are paid using the same methodology that applies to community health workers in item 5.a., Physicians' services.

The base rates as described in this item are adjusted by the following clauses of Supplement 2 of this Attachment:

X. Dental Services rate decrease 2011 (does not apply to state operated dental clinics)

cc. Supplemental payment for medical education

dd. Dental Services rate increase 2014

ii. Dental Services rate increase 2015

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**ii. Dental Services rate increase 2015**

Effective for dental services provided by dental providers located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area on or after July 1, 2015, payment rates shall be increased by 9.65 percent from the rates in effect on June 30, 2015. This increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics, federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, Indian Health Service, and tribal 638 facilities.