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May 19, 2021

Susan Birch, Director
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Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the enclosed State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number WA-21-0009. This SPA was submitted in response to the Companion Letter issued in conjunction with the approval of SPA WA-21-0025 on January 19, 2021. WA-21-0009 adds information regarding limitations on prosthetic devices provided under the Code of Federal Regulations at 42 CFR 440.70. The added information does not change current policy or practice; it is for clarification purposes only.

This SPA is approved effective April 1, 2021. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Washington State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Lemmon at 303-844-2641 or via email at nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosure

cc:
Ann Myers, HCA

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTONAMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL
CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY

7. Home health care services (cont.)

c. Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances in accordance with 42 CFR 440.70.

Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances must be:

- Medically necessary;
- In the client's plan of care; and
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All of the following apply to medical equipment supplies, appliances, and related services:

- Purchase of equipment and appliances and rental of medical equipment require prior approval.
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Home infusion-parenteral nutrition equipment and supplies are provided when medically necessary.

The Medical Nutrition Program provides medically necessary nutrition and related equipment and supplies, when the client is unable to meet daily nutritional requirements using traditional foods alone, due to injury or illness.

Limitations described below do not apply to the Medical Nutrition Program for clients under age 21 under EPSDT. All other exceptions to these limitations require prior authorization on a case-by-case basis and are based on medical necessity.

- Initial assessments limited to 2 hours (or 8 units) per year.
- Reassessments limited to no more than 1 hour (or 4 units) per day.
- Training and education provided to groups limited to 1 hour (or 4 units) per day

d. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility.

Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110.

When physical therapy and occupational therapy are both medically necessary during the same certification period in order to meet the client's physical or occupational therapy needs, the physician must document on the plan of care that the services are distinctly different and not duplicated.

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These services have been moved under "Dental Services" based on CMS recommendation.

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- Hearing aids provided on the basis of minimal decibel loss

12. d. Eyeglasses (Included under "Optometrists' Services", section 6.b.)

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State WASHINGTONAMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE
MEDICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S): ALL

7. Home health service (cont.)

(5) Supervised by the nurse or therapist biweekly in the client's home.

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