

State of Hawaii
Department of Human Services
MED-QUEST DIVISION

MEDICAID STATE PLAN

SPA MEMO NO.: 21-12

DATE: 06/27/22

ORIGINATOR: POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

TO: Custodian of Med-QUEST Division Medicaid State Plan

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD *JMP*
Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT UNDER THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN

EXPLANATION:

The State of Hawaii received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 21-0012.

Changes in laws at the federal and state level allow pharmacists to administer and bill for certain services. SPA 21-0012 allows licensed pharmacists to provide services under the "Services of Other Providers" (6d.) in Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 2. The amendment to Attachment 4.19-B pg. 1 also adds that licensed pharmacists can provide services such as administration of vaccines and that reimbursement rate for these services are in accordance to the Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule.

Hawaii has added pharmacy services and payment methodology to amended state plan pages listed below.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Review and file the amended Medicaid State Plan pages in your Medicaid State Plan Manual as follows:

Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 2

Remove OLD Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B page 2 and replace with amended Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B page 2.

Attachment 4.19-B pg. 1

Remove OLD Attachment 4.19-B pg. 1 and
replace with amended Attachment 4.19-B pg. 1.

The Med-QUEST Division amendment described above has been incorporated into the electronic version of the Medicaid State Plan located at the Department of Human Services (DHS) website link for public transparency below:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/reports/hawaii-medicaid-state-plan/>

Attachments

c: Attorney General's Office
Audit, Quality Control & Research Office/Quality Control Staff
Clinical Standards Office
Department of Health/Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
Department of Health/State Planning Council Developmental Disabilities
Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Division
Department of Human Services /Adult Protective and Community Services Branch
Department of Human Services/Policy and Program Development Office
Eligibility System Project (KOLEA)
Finance Office
Hawaii Document Center/HI State Library
Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau Library
Health Care Services Branch
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

6b. Routine eye exams provided by qualified optometrists are authorized once in a one-year period for individuals under twenty-one years of age and once in a two-year period for adults age twenty-one years and older. Visit done more frequently maybe prior authorized and covered when medically necessary. Emergency eye care shall be covered without prior authorization. The following limitations apply:

- 1) Approval required for contact lenses, subnormal visual aids costing more than \$50.00 and to replace glasses or contacts within one year for individuals under age twenty-one years and within two years for adults age twenty-one and older. Medical justification required for bifocal lenses.
- 2) Trifocal lenses are covered only for those currently wearing these lenses satisfactorily and for specific job requirements.
- 3) Bilateral plano glasses covered as safety glasses for persons with one remaining eye.
- 4) Individuals with presbyopia who require no or minimal distance corrections shall be fitted with ready made half glasses instead of bifocals.

6d. Service of Other Providers:

- 1) Services of a licensed Psychologist within the scope of practice according to state law are provided with the following limitations:
 - a. Testing is limited to a maximum of 4 hours once every 12 months or to 6 hours, if a comprehensive test is justified.
 - b. Prior authorization is required for all psychological testing except for tests that are requested by the department's professional staff.

The providers for SAT services are psychologists, licensed clinical social workers in behavioral health, advance practice registered nurses (APRN), marriage and family therapists (MFT), and licensed mental health counselors (MHC), in behavioral health. Settings where services will be delivered are in outpatient hospitals/clinics including methadone clinics, and physician/provider offices.

Only professional fees are paid when services are provided in an outpatient or clinic setting and are paid at or below the Medicare fee schedule rate.

SAT services that are medically necessary shall be provided with no limits on the number of visits in accordance with the parity law. SAT services that are medically necessary shall be reimbursed with the existing approved Medicaid fee Schedule or PPS methodology.

- 2) Services provided by a licensed Pharmacist within their scope of practice according to state law.

State: Hawaii**NONINSTITUTIONAL ITEMS AND SERVICES:**1. HAWAII MEDICAID FEE SCHEDULE:

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. (ex. case management for persons with chronic mental illness). The Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule was updated on September 11, 2021 and made effective for services rendered on or after that date. The Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule is based on a combination of sixty percent of the 2006 to current Medicare Fee Schedules as applicable. Services not covered by Medicare in 2006 are paid at sixty percent of the Medicare Fee Schedule on the first year in which the code/service is covered by Medicare, whichever is later. The Medicaid Fee Schedule is located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/plans-providers/fee-for-service/fee-schedules.html>

Reimbursement rates, except as specified below and other parts of this Attachment, for providers of medical care who are individual practitioners and other providing non-institutional items and services shall not exceed the maximum permitted under federal laws and regulations and shall be the lower of the Medicare Fee Schedule, as described above, the Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule or the provider's billed amount.

These services include:

- (a) Physician services;
 - (1) Payment shall be sixty per cent of the 2006 Medicare Fee Schedule for physician services.
 - (2) The methodology for the calculation of enhanced payments for certain primary care physician services delivered to Medicaid recipients is described in Supplement 2 to Attachment 4.19-B. The reimbursement rates are published and located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/plans-providers/fee-for-service/fee-schedules.html>
- (b) Podiatric services;
- (c) Optometric services;
- (d) Other licensed practitioner services (other than those provided by a licensed pharmacist) including nurse midwife, and pediatric nurse practitioner, advanced practice registered nurse in behavioral health are reimbursed at seventy-five per cent of the Medicaid reimbursement rate for a psychiatrist. Services provided by a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, and licensed mental health counselor are reimbursed at seventy-five per cent of the Medicaid reimbursement rate for a psychologist.
 - 1) Other licensed provider services includes services provided by licensed pharmacists (such as administration of vaccines). Payment for these services shall be made to the affiliated billing provider/Pharmacy, in accordance with the Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/plans-providers/fee-for-service/fee-schedules.html>
- (e) Physical therapy;
- (f) Occupational therapy;
- (g) Services for persons with speech, language, and hearing disorders;

TN No.	<u>21-0012</u>	Approval Date:	<u>06/21/22</u>	Effective Date:	<u>09/11/21</u>
Supersedes					
TN No.	<u>17-0002</u>				