

Public Notice

Public Comment Period for State Plan Amendment (SPA) IA-20-017: Physician Assistants Billing

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Pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 447.205 and 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has proposed changes to the state plan under Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) Attachment 3.1-A and Attachment 4.19-B (IA-20-017) for Physician Assistants.

Summary

Today, Physician Assistants are able to provide medical services under the supervision of a physician. However, Physician Assistants are not able to bill for their services on their own. The supervising physician is the provider that bills for all services performed by the Physician Assistant.

This SPA allows Physician Assistants to bill independently from the supervising physician and establishes a rate payment for Physician Assistants. Services that will be reimbursable include services described in the Iowa Administrative Code Part 645 (Professional Licensing Division) Chapter 326 (Licensure of Physician Assistants and Chapter 327 (Practice of Physician Assistants).

These changes are effective December 1, 2020 pending federal approval.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of the SPA will be a savings to the Iowa Medicaid program of approximately \$2,148 annually.

Public Review and Comments

This notice is posted on the DHS website at the following link: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/physician-assistants>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be available for public review upon request from each local DHS office.

Written comments concerning this notice or the proposed amendments may be addressed to: Anna Ruggle, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 5th Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or via email at aruggle@dhs.state.ia.us. Please indicate SPA IA-20-017 in the subject line of the email.

All comments on this SPA must be received by: November 9, 2020, at 4:30 PM.

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