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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 15-0002**

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DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATION

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September 11, 2015

Ricardo A. Colon Padilla, CPA  
Medicaid Director  
Puerto Rico Medicaid Program  
Puerto Rico Department of Health  
P.O. Box 70184  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 70184

Dear Mr. Colon:

We have completed our review of the submission of Puerto Rico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-0002 which was received in our office on June 30, 2015 and find it acceptable for incorporation into Puerto Rico's Medicaid State Plan. This SPA is expanding Puerto Rico coverage benefits to include immunization services to all Medicaid beneficiaries ages 19-20 effective April 1, 2015.

Please note that the approval date of this SPA is September 11, 2015 with an effective date of April 1, 2015. Copy of the approved State Plan pages and the signed CMS-179 are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse M. Salce at (212) 616-2411.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Melendez  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Cc. Lindsey Wilde  
Sheri Gaskins

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> <b>FOR: CENTER FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <b>PR-15-002</b>	2. STATE Puerto Rico
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>April 1, 2015</b>	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO 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 Section 1928(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act (SSA) Section 4106 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2015 (2 quarter)</u> \$ <u>38,547</u> b. FFY <u>2016</u> \$ <u>77,440</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT State Plan page 66 (b) Description for Attachment 3.1-A, page 12 Description for Attachment 3.1-B, pages 12	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) State Plan page 66 (b) Description for Attachment 3.1-A, page 12 Description for Attachment 3.1-B, page 12

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

**To Provide Coverage for Immunizations for Children Ages 19-20.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)


GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	16. RETURN TO PUERTO RICO MEDICAID PROGRAM PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PO BOX 70184 SAN JUAN PR 00936-8184
13. TYPE NAME RICARDO A. COLÓN-PADILLA, CPA	
14. TITLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
15. DATE SUBMITTED <b>June 30, 2015</b>	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED <i>September 11, 2015</i>
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL <i>April 01, 2015</i>	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
21. TYPED NAME <i>Michael Melendez</i>	22. TITLE <i>Division of Medicaid and Children's Health</i>
23. REMARKS	

Revision: HCFA-PM-94-8 (MB)  
October 1994

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE / TERRITORY: COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

Citation

- 1928(c)(2)(C)(ii)  
of the Act
- 4.19 (m) Medicaid Reimbursement for Administration of Vaccines under the Pediatric Immunization Program
- (i) A provider may impose a charge for the administration of a qualified pediatric vaccine as stated in 1928 (c) (2) (C) (ii) of the Act. Within this overall provision, Medicaid reimbursement to providers will be administered as follows.
- (ii) The State:
- Sets a payment rate at the level of the regional maximum established by the DHHS Secretary.
  - Is a Universal Purchase State and sets a payment rate at the level of the regional maximum established in accordance with State law.
  - Sets a payment rate below the level of the regional maximum established by the DHHS Secretary.
  - Is a Universal Purchase State and sets a payment rate below the level of the regional maximum established by the Universal Purchase State.
- The State pays the following rate for the administration of a vaccine:
- Not applicable, see note that follows.
- 1923 of the Act
- (iii) Medicaid beneficiary access to immunizations is assured through the following methodology:  
The Puerto Rico Department of Health provides vaccines to children ages 0-18 through the Children's Immunization Program. The coverage benefits of the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program also include immunizations for Medicaid beneficiaries' ages 19-20. Each managed care organization (MCO), contracted by the State, will contract with immunization providers, duly certified by the Puerto Rico Department of Health, to provide the immunization services.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE / TERRITORY: COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

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

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Description of Limitation

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A comprehensive annual health evaluation for each beneficiary, to be performed by a qualified health professional including eye tests, hearing test, nutritional screening and evaluation, laboratories and all other exams and diagnostic tests, and immunizations commensurate with age, gender, and physical condition of the beneficiary. This annual evaluation complements the services for children and adolescents to be provided accordingly with the periodicity schedules published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and EPSDT under Title XIX of the Medicaid program. Follow-up visits will be provided to all beneficiaries based on medical necessity criteria established by the State.

All immunizations will be provided for children to age 21 and those necessary according to age, gender, and health condition of the beneficiary, including but not limited to influenza and pneumonia vaccines for beneficiaries over 65 years and vaccines for children and adults with high risk conditions such as pulmonary, renal, diabetes, and heart disease, among others. The Puerto Rico Department of Health provides vaccines to children ages 0-18 through the Children's Immunization Program. The coverage benefits of the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program also include immunizations for Medicaid beneficiaries' ages 19-20. Each managed care organization (MCO), contracted by the State, will contract with immunization providers, duly certified by the Puerto Rico Department of Health, to provide the immunization services. Immunizations will be administered without any charge or deductibles.

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