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Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director
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Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

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

Transmittal #15-0014 --Technical revisions to Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports, and increases the payment rate for mental health crisis response services.

--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.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure

cc: Ann Berg, MDHS
 Sean Barrett, MDHS

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4.b. Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services: (continued)

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The following are eligible to provide children's therapeutic services and supports:

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Provider Qualifications and Training

- A. A mental health professional is an individual defined in item 6.d.A.
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 - a) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of mental health services to children with emotional disturbances; or

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4.b. Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services: (continued)

- a) meet the preservice and continuing education requirements as a Level I mental health behavioral aide.

D. A day treatment multidisciplinary team that includes at least one mental health professional and one mental health practitioner.

Components of Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports

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5.a. Physicians' services:

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4.b. Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services: (continued)

Crisis response services are paid as follows:

Crisis assessment, intervention and crisis stabilization services are paid:

-for doctoral prepared mental health professionals, the lower of the submitted charge or ~~\$87.00~~ \$148.77 per 60-minute unit;

-for master's prepared mental health professionals, the lower of the submitted charge or ~~\$69.60~~ \$119.01 per 60-minute unit; or

-for mental health practitioners supervised by mental health professionals, the lower of the submitted charge or ~~\$60.46~~ \$104.13 (effective February 18, 2004) per 60-minute unit and ~~\$43.50~~ (effective January 1, 2004) per 60 minute unit.

IHS/638 facility providers of crisis response services are paid according to the encounter rate specified in Supplement 2 of this Attachment for each face-to-face encounter.

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13.d. Rehabilitative services. (continued)

Crisis assessment, crisis intervention, and crisis stabilization
provided as part of mental health crisis response services are paid:

- As described in item 4.b. when provided by mental health professionals or mental health practitioners;
- when provided by mental health rehabilitation workers, the lower of the submitted charge or ~~\$40.64~~ \$74.38 ~~(effective February 18, 2004)~~ per 60-minute unit ~~(effective January 1, 2004)~~;
- in a group setting (which does not include short-term services provided in a supervised, licensed residential setting that is not an IMD), regardless of the provider, the lower of the submitted charge or ~~\$22.00~~ \$37.19 per 60-minute unit. For the purposes of mental health crisis response services, "group" is defined as two to 10 recipients;

~~For in~~ a supervised, licensed residential setting, with four or fewer beds, ~~and that~~ does not provide intensive residential treatment services, payment is based on a historical calculation of the average cost of providing the component services of crisis assessment, crisis intervention and crisis stabilization in a residential setting, exclusive of costs related to room and board or other unallowable facility costs, and is equal to the lower of the submitted charge or \$262.00 per day.