

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY (SPA # 13-022)

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (the “Department”) proposes to submit an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after September 1, 2013, the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to reimburse services rendered by enrolled physician assistants at 90% of the physician fee on file. This amendment will align the physician assistant reimbursement methodology with the methodology used to reimburse for services rendered by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Certified Nurse Midwives.

Fiscal Information

Based on the information that is available at this time, the Department estimates that the proposed changes will result in reducing annual aggregate expenditures by \$20,000 in State Fiscal Year 2014 and \$27,000 in State Fiscal Year 2015.

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal requirements governing the Medicaid program, upon request, the Department will provide a copy of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at each of the DSS regional offices and on the Department’s web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates”.

Written, phone, and email requests should be directed to Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5033 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov). Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (e.g., “SPA # 13-022: Physician Assistant Reimbursement Methodology”).

Members of the public may also submit written comments on the SPA by mail, fax, or email. Written comments must be received by the Department at the above contact information no later than August 16, 2013.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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- (v) Licensed behavioral health practitioners to include licensed clinical social workers, licensed marital and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and licensed alcohol and drug counselors – not to exceed 75% of the Medicare physician fee schedule. The fee schedule for licensed behavioral health practitioners can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to "Provider" then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download." The agency's rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published on the agency's website.

- (vi) Physician assistants -90% of the department's fees for physicians effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2013. The fee schedule for physicians can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to "Provider" then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download." The agency's rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.

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