

NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment Adding Therapy Codes to Home Health Fee Schedule (SPA 17-0029)

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after September 1, 2017, SPA 17-0029 will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan by adding procedure codes G0151, G0152 and G0153 (priced at \$23.80 per 15-minute increment) to the home health fee schedule. These new procedure codes will be used to bill for physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech and language pathology re-certification of care plans, which are required every 60 days.

Fiscal Information

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$60,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 and \$82,000 in SFY 2019.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site at this link: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates”. The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office or the Town of Vernon Social Services Department or upon request from DSS (see below).

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference “SPA 17-0029 – Adding Therapy Codes to Home Health Fee Schedule”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than September 27, 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) SPA 17-AE: Increase Rate for Home Health Modifier TG

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after October 1, 2017, SPA 17-AE will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to increase the rate on the home health fee schedule for skilled nursing services billed with HCPCS Modifier TG – Complex/High Level of Care. Modifier TG will be billed with HCPCS codes, S9123 – Nursing Care in Home by Registered Nurse, per hour and S1924 – Nursing Care in Home by Licensed Practical Nurse, per hour when home health agencies provide skilled nursing services to HUSKY Health members with complex medical needs. Specifically, home health agencies providing such services for more than two hours in a visit are reimbursed at a specially calculated rate assigned to modifier TG – complex/high tech level of care. Currently, this modifier reimburses at 45.7% of flat fee reimbursement for skilled nursing service (which is \$95.20) per hour of the visit. This SPA increases the rate of the modifier TG to reimburse at 47.22% of that flat fee, which means a home health agency billing for a complex skilled nursing visit over two hours would be reimbursed at \$44.95 per hour (47.22% of the \$95.20 rate referenced above). The purpose of this SPA is to offset expenses incurred by home health agencies related to providing such complex care services.

Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures by approximately \$305,000 in state fiscal year (SFY) 2018 and \$471,000 in SFY 2019.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

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