

NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Notice of Implementation

In accordance with subsection (a) of section 190 of Public Act 17-2 (JSS), the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health hereby submits notice of implementation of the behavior analyst licensing program, as of February 28, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK RENEWAL OF MEDICAID WAIVER FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK AMENDMENT OF MEDICAID WAIV- ERS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT AND DAY SUPPORTS

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services intends to submit the following three applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), each to be effective October 1, 2018:

- (1) Renewal of the Medicaid Waiver for Comprehensive Supports;
- (2) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Individual and Family Support;
- (3) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Employment and Day Supports.

All three of the above-referenced waivers are operated by the Department of Developmental Services. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services are proposing the following changes to these waivers:

- (1) Increasing the capacity of the Comprehensive Supports Waiver from the current number of 5,600 slots by a rate of 25 slots per year, reaching 5,700 slots by the final year of the waiver;
- (2) Adding Blended Supports as a service on all three waivers. Blended Supports provide waiver participants an opportunity to enhance their community-based skills;
- (3) Adding Customized Employment as a service on all three waivers. Customized Employment promotes integrated work opportunities in order to maximize the skills for waiver participants;
- (4) Adding Transitional Supports as a service on all three waivers. Transitional Supports provide waiver participants an opportunity to develop skills and resources to enhance their opportunity for employment;
- (5) Adding Training, Counseling and Support Services for Unpaid Caregivers as a service to the Employment and Day Supports Waiver. Training, Counseling and Support Services for Unpaid Caregivers provides unpaid caregivers an opportunity to access supports to provide the optimal care to their family members;

- (6) Alignment of the Performance Measures across all three waivers; and
- (7) Technical and administrative clarifications requested by CMS.

No current enrollees will be negatively impacted by the changes in these applications.

Copies of the complete text of the waiver applications are available upon request from: Siobhan Morgan, Director of Medicaid Operations, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106, or via email at Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov. They are also available on the Department of Social Services' website, www.ct.gov/dss, under Publications > Updates > Medicaid Waiver Applications, or at <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications>. In addition, they are available on the Department of Developmental Services' website, www.ct.gov/dds, under "Latest News."

All written comments regarding this renewal application must be submitted by April 12, 2018 to: Division of Waiver Services, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut, 06106, Attention Siobhan Morgan, or via email at Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Child Health Plan

SPA CT-18-0011-CHIP: Changes to HUSKY Plus program

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following amendment to its Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Program plan under Title XXI of the Social Security Act to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Changes to CHIP Plan

Effective on or after March 15, 2018, CT-18-0011-CHIP will amend Appendix 3.1 of the Connecticut Children's Health Insurance program plan for the HUSKY B program. Administrative services for the HUSKY Plus program have transitioned to the same medical administrative service organization that serves as the medical ASO for all other aspects of the HUSKY B program. The ASO conducts prior authorization and case management for all HUSKY Plus services. Providers are reimbursed through the Department's Medicaid Management Information System. All these services have been performed by a different contractor since the inception of the HUSKY Plus program. This transition was intended to streamline the program and achieve greater efficiencies.

Effective March 15, 2018, the Department, will: re-impose limits on select services that existed prior to July 1, 2017, terminate two services that have been unfunded, eliminated coverage for certain services that are not clinically effective, and eliminate coverage for select services because they are covered in the basic HUSKY B benefit package. These changes are necessary to keep HPP expenditures within available appropriations.

Limits have been imposed on the following services:

Rehabilitation and home health services:

- Physical therapy: up to two (2) visits per week with no more than four (4) units per visit per week;
- Occupational therapy: up to one (1) visit per week with no more than four (4) units per visit per week; and
- Speech and language pathology: up to one (1) visit per week and with no more than two (2) units per visit per week.

Medical equipment and supplies:

- Motorized wheelchair: every five years;
- Incontinence supplies for children over the age of 3: up to 180 units per month;
- Hearing aids: for children age 12 and under cost over the \$1,000 allowance in a 24 month period and cost covered up to the fee schedule for children 13 years and over;
- Orthotic devices limited to: foot rotation bars and hallux valgus splints.

Coverage of the following services will be eliminated:

- Long term skilled nursing;
- Two non-emergency transportation rides per year.
- Some orthotics: orthopedic shoes, shoe inserts, arch supports, lifts, wedges, heel stabilizers, counters and pads, foot positioning devices and inserts.

The following services are being eliminated from HPP, as they are covered in HUSKY B:

- Over the counter medications including nutritional formulas
- Ten hours of home health aide per week
- Adaptive seating
- Nutritional consultation
- Dental care for mal-occlusive disorders.

Appeals for goods or therapy services exceeding the benefit limits will not be considered because the program does not allow for expenses beyond an annual budgeted amount.

Fiscal Impact

Based on available information, DSS estimates that this amendment will have no fiscal impact in FFY 2018 and FFY 2019. All HPP services are pre-authorized and reimbursed at Medicaid rates.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This CHIP plan amendment is posted on the DSS web site at this link: <http://portal.ct.gov/dss>. Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and click on "Publications" and then click on "Updates." Then click on "CHIP/HUSKY B Plan Amendments". To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments

about the SPA, please email: laura-victoria.barrera@ct.gov write to: HPP/Integrated Care Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-4892). Please reference “CT_18-0011-CHIP: Changes to HUSKY Plus program”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than March 15, 2018.

CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

In accordance with Section 1-121 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) proposes to an Airport Rate Setting Policy.

Summary of Written Procedures: The policy states that the Connecticut Airport Authority will evaluate and set airport fees not otherwise established through leases or other agreements for Bradley International Airport and the CAA’s general aviation airports at least annually in conjunction with the annual budgeting process. In conjunction with this policy taking effect, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-121(a), Reg. Conn. State Agencies § 15-41-45 and CAA Policy No. 2015-F02 will be repealed.

Statement of Purpose: This policy is intended to clarify the Connecticut Airport Authority’s policy for setting all airport fees not otherwise established through leases or other agreements.

Copies of the proposed policy are available at the Connecticut Airport Authority between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by contacting Alex Peterson at apeterson@ctairports.org. All interested parties may submit comments in connection with the proposed policy, within thirty days following publication of this notice, to Alex Peterson, Connecticut Airport Authority, Bradley International Airport Office, 3rd Floor Admin, Terminal A, Windsor Locks, CT 06096.
