

## NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

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### CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY

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#### Notice of Intent to Amend Procedures

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In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10a-224 (f) and 1-121, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (“CHESLA”) intends to amend the Procedures of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (“Procedures”) for purposes of (i) changing the date the Executive Director is required to submit the proposed annual budget and plan of operations, for the next succeeding fiscal year, to the CHESLA Board of Directors and (ii) updating the nondiscrimination and affirmative action sections of the Procedures, as set forth below:

- The date “May 31” will be deleted from Article I and be replaced with the date “June 30”;
- The following language will be deleted from Article II, Section G:

“No individual shall be hired, dismissed, promoted or demoted by the Authority because of the individual’s race, color, religious creed, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender orientation or identity, veteran’s status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or any other reason prohibited by any applicable law or regulation.”

and replaced with:

“No individual shall be hired, dismissed, promoted, demoted or discriminated against in terms, conditions or privileges of employment, by the Authority, because of the individual’s race, color, religious creed, marital or partnership status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, transgender status, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, workplace hazards to reproductive systems, age, present or past history of mental, intellectual, learning, or physical disability, genetic information, veteran’s status, prior conviction of a crime, or any other reason prohibited by any applicable law or regulation, unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in one of the above protected groups or the provisions of C.G.S. § 46a-80(b) apply.”; and

- The following language will be deleted from Article II, Section H:

“race, color, religious creed, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender orientation or identity, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, mental disability, physical disability or prior conviction of a crime unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in one of the above groups”

and replaced with:

“race, color, religious creed, marital or partnership status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, transgender status, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, workplace hazards to reproductive systems, age, present or past history of mental, intellectual, learning, or physical disability, genetic information, veteran’s status, prior conviction of a crime, or any other reason prohibited by any applicable law or regulation, unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in one of the above protected groups or the provisions of C.G.S. § 46a-80(b) apply”.

Such amendments shall become effective 30 days after this notice has been published in the Connecticut Law Journal, unless the Executive Director in her sole discretion, shall determine based on comments received from members of the public during such 30 day period that it would be desirable or appropriate to defer such effectiveness so that the CHESLA Board of Directors (“Board”) may reconsider the proposed amendments in light of such comments, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the Executive Director’s notice thereof to the Board.

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding the amendments may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the Connecticut Law Journal to Jeanette W. Weldon, Executive Director, Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, 10 Columbus Boulevard, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, CT 06106 or via email at [jweldon@chesla.org](mailto:jweldon@chesla.org).

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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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### Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) SPA 18-T: Supplemental Reimbursement for Obstetrical Services

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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 July 1, 2018, SPA 18-T will amend the Medicaid State Plan to provide for supplemental reimbursement for obstetrical providers based on quality performance measure points specified in the SPA out of a total pool of funds of \$1,200,000 per state fiscal year specified in the SPA. These payments will be made based on the measurement period specified in the SPA and each provider’s performance in achieving measurement points based on the criteria specified in the SPA.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$1,200,000 in State Fiscal Year 2019.

#### **Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments**

This SPA is posted on the DSS website at the following 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 “Medicaid State Plan Amendments”. The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office, at 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](mailto:Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov) or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (or Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference “SPA 18-T: Supplemental Reimbursement for Obstetrical Services”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than July 5, 2018.

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