

NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Department of Social Services

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 19-AB: Community First Choice Pursuant to Section 1915(k) of the Social Security Act – Rate Increase for Home-Delivered Meals

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 (HHS).

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

In accordance with section 17b-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, DSS gives notices that the Commissioner of DSS intends to amend the Medicaid State Plan provisions regarding the Community First Choice State Plan Option Pursuant to Section 1915(k) of the Social Security Act. Effective on or after July 1, 2018, SPA 19-AB will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the effective date of the fee schedule for Community First Choice Services in order to implement a ten percent (10%) rate increase for home-delivered meals. This SPA is necessary to comply with section 308 of House Bill 7424, which has been adopted by the General Assembly and is anticipated to be signed into law by the Governor.

Fiscal Impact

Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$14,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 and \$33,000 in SFY 2021.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site 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 or write to: Medical Policy Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference “SPA 19-AB: Community First Choice Pursuant to Section 1915(k) of the Social Security Act – Rate Increase for Home-Delivered Meals”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than July 25, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment

**SPA 19-Z: Chemical Maintenance Clinics –
Establishment of Minimum Weekly Rate**

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

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after July 1, 2019, Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-Z will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to change the reimbursement methodology for chemical maintenance clinics by establishing a minimum weekly rate for seven daily doses of \$88.55. That minimum rate will become the new provider-specific weekly rate for any provider that was previously paid at a rate lower than \$88.55. In addition, effective on or after July 1, 2020, payment to chemical maintenance clinics will be contingent on meeting quality performance measures determined by DSS. Failure to meet these standards will result in a rate reduction of up to five percent for the quarters ending September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 and up to ten percent beginning January 1, 2021. This SPA is necessary to comply with section 311 of House Bill 7424, which was adopted by the General Assembly and is anticipated to be signed into law by the Governor.

Fiscal Information

Based on available information, DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$2.3 million in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 and \$2.6 million in SFY 2021.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

The proposed SPA is posted on the DSS website 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 “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 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 19-Z: Chemical Maintenance Clinics – Establishment of Minimum Weekly Rate”.

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 10, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

**Notice Under the Affordable Housing Appeals Procedure
Receipt of a Completed Application
for a Moratorium
in the City of Milford**

In accordance with C.G.S. 8-30-g, the Connecticut Department of Housing is in receipt of a completed application (June 10, 2019) for a Moratorium of Applicability for the City of Milford. A copy of this completed application is available for viewing at the Connecticut Department of Housing during normal business hours. For additional information please call or write to Laura Watson, Economic and Community Development Agent, DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106, (860) 270-8169.
