

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Department of Social Services

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) SPA 21-F: Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement

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

Effective for inpatient hospital discharges on or after January 1, 2021, SPA 21-F will amend Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan to clarify which version of diagnosis-related group (DRG) relative weights will be used as part of the methodology for determining the payment for inpatient hospital services paid under the DRG methodology. The purpose of this SPA is to clarify the state plan language to reflect additional detail regarding the applicable version of DRG relative weights to account for recent changes in the available weight versions within the All-Patient Refined (APR) DRG National Weights established by 3M, which DSS uses in the DRG payment methodology.

Fiscal Impact

DSS anticipates that this SPA will not change annual aggregate expenditures because this SPA clarifies the existing approved Medicaid State Plan and will not change the overall fiscal impact.

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 21-F: Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Clarification”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than December 24, 2020.
