

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Notice of Ground Water Quality Reclassification Decision

The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby provides notice that pursuant to Section 22a-426 of the Connecticut General Statutes, she has approved changes to the state's Ground Water Quality Classifications. A request was made to lower the ground water quality classification from Class GA to Class GB at three sites in New Britain, Derby and Norwalk, respectively. The areas proposed for reclassification are as follows:

New Britain: 15.28 acres encompassing the subject site at 23 St. Clair Avenue and bounded by St. Clair Avenue to the north, extending to the GB area to the west, south and east; submitted by J. George Podlasek on behalf of Winslow Automatics, Inc.

Derby: 9.11 acres encompassing the subject site at 61-71 Minerva Street and bounded by Fourth Street to the north, extending to the GB area to the west, south and east; submitted by Andrew Baklik on behalf of the City of Derby.

Norwalk: Approximately 6.4 acres that encompass the subject site and nearby parcels bounded by Meadow Street and Wilson Avenue to the west and extending to the existing Class GB areas to the north, south, and east; submitted by Michael Ferro on behalf of M&J Meadow, LLC.

The requests were made pursuant to Section 22a-426-7(k)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and the requests met the applicable criteria. A public hearing was noticed and conducted in accordance with the statutory requirements on September 9, 2021. A copy of the Final Language and Statement of Reasons from the hearing, which includes the Commissioner's decision, is available on the Department's website on the "Water Quality Reclassification" link from www.ct.gov/deep/wqsc.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Water-Quality/Water-Quality-Reclassification>. This approved change to the ground water quality classifications will be incorporated into the Water Quality Classification Maps as new editions are prepared. Any questions can be directed to Teresa Gagnon at teresa.gagnon@ct.gov or (860) 424-3724.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 21-AQ: Updates to Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the Medicaid Coverage Group for Low-Income Adults to Add Coverage for Acupuncture Services and Chiropractic Services

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), which will amend the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) at Attachment 3.1-L of the Medicaid State Plan.

The ABP is the benefit package that, effective January 1, 2014, is provided to the Medicaid low-income adult population under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act (also known as HUSKY D). Pursuant to section 2001 of the Affordable Care Act, effective January 1, 2014, Connecticut expanded Medicaid eligibility to low-income adults with incomes up to and including 133% of the federal poverty level. The expanded coverage group is referred to as Medicaid Coverage for the Lowest-Income Populations.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective October 1, 2021, SPA 21-AQ will amend the ABP (Attachment 3.1-L of the Medicaid State Plan) in order to add coverage for acupuncturist services and chiropractor services. The purpose of this SPA is to implement recent change in state law, Section 331 of Public Act 21-2 of the June 2021 special session, which requires the coverage additions detailed above. This SPA corresponds to SPA 21-AG, which adds this coverage to the underlying Medicaid State Plan.

This SPA will not make any other changes to the ABP than as described above, which will continue to reflect the same coverage in the ABP for HUSKY D Medicaid members as in the underlying Medicaid State Plan. Accordingly, the ABP will continue to provide full access to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services to beneficiaries under age twenty-one. This includes informing them that EPSDT services are available and of the need for age-appropriate immunizations. The ABP also provides or arranges for the provision of screening services for all children and for corrective treatment as determined by child health screenings. These EPSDT services are provided by the DSS fee-for-service provider network. EPSDT clients are also able to receive any additional health care services that are coverable under the Medicaid program and found to be medically necessary to treat, correct or reduce illnesses and conditions discovered regardless of whether the service is covered in Connecticut's Medicaid State Plan.

Likewise, this SPA will not make any changes to cost sharing for the services provided under the ABP. Connecticut does not currently impose cost sharing on Medicaid beneficiaries. Because there are no Medicaid cost sharing requirements for Connecticut beneficiaries, no exemptions are necessary in order to comply with the cost sharing protections for Native Americans found in section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Fiscal Impact

This SPA will not change annual aggregate expenditures.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

The proposed SPA is posted on the DSS website at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-State-Plan-Amendments>. The 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-AQ: Updates to Alternative Benefit Plan

(ABP) for the Medicaid Coverage Group for Low-Income Adults to Add Coverage for Acupuncture Services and Chiropractic 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 December 23, 2021.
