

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Notice of Proposed Covered Connecticut (Covered CT) Program

Demonstration Waiver Application Pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act

Pursuant to section 17b-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and 42 C.F.R. § 431.408, the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) provides notice that it intends to submit the Covered CT Program Demonstration Waiver Application pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act (Demonstration) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). **Note:** For more information, see below and DSS website at this link, which also includes the full public notice and the proposed demonstration application: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Covered-Connecticut-Demonstration-Program>. **Public comment and public hearing information are at the bottom of this notice.**

Summary Description of Demonstration

The Demonstration is intended to be effective on or after July 1, 2022, upon CMS approval. Once approved, the Demonstration will enable federal financial participation (FFP) for the state's expenditures under Covered CT, which would not be allowed under federal law absent this waiver.

Covered CT was established by state legislation in sections 15 through 19, inclusive, of Public Act 21-2 of the June 2021 special session. The intent of this Demonstration is to help close the health insurance affordability gap in a cost-effective manner for low-income individuals who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford coverage through the state's health insurance marketplace, Access Health CT.

This Demonstration will provide eligible individuals with free Qualified Health Plan (QHP) coverage available through Access Health CT. The State will directly reimburse the plan for the monthly premium and the cost-sharing amounts that the enrollee would normally have to pay with the plan, such as out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, copays, and coinsurance. Enrollees will also receive free dental care and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services, comparable to the benefits under Connecticut Medicaid and provided through the Medicaid delivery and payment system, also known as HUSKY Health. No cost-sharing requirements will apply to benefits provided under the Demonstration. This Demonstration will be available to parents and needy caretaker relatives, and their tax dependents under age 26, and non-pregnant childless adults ages 19 to 64 who have income that is above the Medicaid limit but does not exceed 175% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and enroll in a silver-level QHP available through Access Health CT using federal premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions.

Where the Full Public Notice and Proposed Demonstration Application are Posted

The full public notice and the proposed Demonstration application are posted on the DSS website at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/>

Covered-Connecticut-Demonstration-Program. The full public notice and proposed demonstration application may also be obtained upon request from DSS (see below), at any DSS field office, or the Town of Vernon Social Services Department.

Where and When to Submit Written Comments

To send comments about the Demonstration, 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. In any correspondence, please reference “Covered CT 1115 Demonstration Waiver.” Please also send any other questions about the Demonstration to this email or mailing address, including requests for a copy of the full public notice or proposed Demonstration application.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the Demonstration. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above email or mailing address no later than March 11, 2022 (which is more than 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice in the Connecticut Law Journal). Please be advised that written comments received may be posted to one or more state or federal websites.

Public Hearings

In addition to the opportunity for submitting written comments (see above), DSS will also seek input from the public on the Demonstration at the following public hearings, both of which will include opportunities for members of the public to provide comments:

1. Public Hearing hosted by the Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council (MAPOC) on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., link and call-in as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98132837501?pwd=M3pJd2RuR0VJUENlaS9vUTcrMGovdz09>

Meeting ID: 981 3283 7501

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/atRVPaMKQ>

2. Public Hearing hosted by DSS, on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., link and call-in as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84197267498?pwd=U1dMNDVFcStXY2UyZFBYm2JyZURpdz09>

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Meeting ID: 841 9726 7498

Passcode: 266666

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84197267498>

For the latest information on the public hearing date, time, and the link/call-in information for each public hearing, please go to the DSS website at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Covered-Connecticut-Demonstration-Program> and **please check that website regularly for updates before logging on to the public hearing.**

As a result of restrictions and guidelines to protect public health due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and ongoing public health emergency declaration(s), the public hearings referenced above are being convened only using electronic means, with opportunity for individuals to participate by electronic device, telephone, or both.

Connecticut Office of Higher Education

Notice of Intent to Adopt Electronic Filing Systems

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4-60s, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Office of Higher Education (OHE) intends to adopt electronic filing systems that would include electronic payments.

Such adoption shall become effective 30 days after this notice has been published in the Connecticut Law Journal.

To request a copy of the description of the electronic filing systems to be adopted, please email sean.seepersad@ct.gov, including “Description of Electronic Filing Systems” in the subject line.

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding this adoption may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the Connecticut Law Journal to Sean Seepersad, Chief Academic Officer, CT Office of Higher Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 707, Hartford, CT 06103 or via email at sean.seepersad@ct.gov

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 update its Procurement Procedures.

Summary of Written Procedures:

The proposed revisions update the CAA's Procurement Procedures by revising dollar thresholds, implementing best practices, and improving efficiency while maintaining strict controls.

Statement of Purpose:

The CAA last approved its Procurement Procedures in 2014, and the Authority seeks to update its procedures to reflect current market conditions while ensuring that services and goods are procured in a manner that reflects cost-effectiveness, transparency, competitiveness, and equal opportunity.

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 Sharon Traficante at 860-292-2073 or straficante@bradleyairport.com. All interested parties may submit comments in connection with the proposed policy, within thirty days following publication of this notice, to Sharon Traficante, Connecticut Airport Authority, Bradley International Airport Office, 3rd Floor Admin, Terminal A, Windsor Locks, CT 06096.
