

## NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

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### Notice of Intent

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168(a) of the *Connecticut General Statutes* (CGS) the **Connecticut Insurance Department** hereby gives notice that it proposes to adopt a regulation concerning **Insurance Holding Company Act**.

**Comment period** (See CGS section 4-168(a)(1)(A))

A comment period of not less than thirty days shall begin upon posting of this notice to the eRegulations System website and shall end on **August 24, 2023**.

**Detailed description of the proposed regulation.** (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(B))

The proposed regulation removes outdated and cumbersome paper filing requirements, and permits the Commissioner to accept electronic filings in a method other than physical media previously outlined in the statute, in order to allow the Department to function in accordance with appropriate technological advances that have been made since the last amendment to this specific portions of the regulations. The proposed regulation also outlines additional requirements for insurance companies in the event that they are placed into receivership or under supervision.

**Statement of the purposes for which the regulation is proposed.** (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(C))

The purpose of this proposed regulation is to remove the paper filing requirement for Form A and Form E submissions and to broaden the electronic filing requirements in order to permit the Department to utilize technological advancements where appropriate. The other purpose of this proposed regulation is to adopt the most recent version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model regulation. Such version, and these proposed changes, require data and records to be identifiable and capable of segregation making them available to the receiver in the event of insolvency. The proposed changes also extend the rights of the insurer to the received or guaranty fund in the event of insolvency, and requires the affiliate to make essential personnel available.

**Statutory authority** (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(D))  
Conn. Gen. Stat. 38a-138

**When, where and how to obtain a copy of the small business impact statement and, if applicable, the regulatory flexibility analysis required pursuant to Sec. 4-168a.** (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(E))

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the Connecticut Insurance Department located at 153 Market Street, 7 th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103 or by viewing the same by visiting the e-Regulations portal on the website of the Secretary of State: <https://eregulations.CT.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/ProposedRegulations>

**When, where and how interested persons may present their views on the proposed regulation** (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(F))

All interested parties who wish to submit comments, data, views, or arguments may do so in writing up through the closing date of the comment period noted above. Such written materials should be directed to Jennifer Dowty, Counsel, Connecticut Insurance Department, and:

1. Sent via mail to P.O. Box 816 Hartford, CT 06142-0816; or

2. Electronically submitted through the e-Regulations portal on the website of the Secretary of the State at the following: <https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/ProposedRegulations>.

In addition to accepting written public comment, the Insurance Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the regulation on Thursday, August 24th at 9 AM in a hybrid fashion. Members of the public may attend this hearing in person at the Insurance Department at 153 Market Street, 6th floor, Room 601, Hartford CT 06103 or via telephone by dialing 860-840-2075 and using passcode 892 854 80#. Oral comments presented at the hearing should summarize written comments submitted to the Insurance Department prior to the hearing. Oral comments will be time limited and must address the proposed amendments to the regulation.

The Insurance Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for communication or other accommodation are invited to make their needs and preferences known by calling Victoria Cruise at (860) 757-5349.

July 10, 2023

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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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### Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

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#### **SPA 23-Z: Update to Dental Services/Adding to Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Procedure Codes to Rehabilitation Clinics & Medical Clinics Fee Schedules**

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

#### **Changes to Medicaid State Plan**

Effective on or after August 1, 2023, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to make the changes described below.

First, DSS is adding two Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes (99408 and 99409) to the Medical Clinic and Rehabilitation Clinic fee schedules. These services are a comprehensive, integrated approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with, or at-risk for, substance abuse disorders, including alcohol use disorder. The purpose of this change is to expand access to services for early intervention and treatment services for these conditions, which is designed to improve health outcomes. The reimbursement for CPT code 99408 will be \$22.40 and the reimbursement rate for CPT code 99409 will be \$43.01, which are the same as the

rates as those listed on the Family Planning Clinic and the Physician Office and Outpatient fee schedules.

Second, DSS is adding Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code D0191 (Assessment of the patient) to the fee schedules for both adult and children's dental services. Qualified enrolled dental providers will bill CDT code D0191 for reimbursement for performing the dental component of the multi-disciplinary examination for Medicaid members who are under the custody of the Department of Children and Families. The reimbursement rate for CDT code D0191 will be \$35.00, which is the same as the rate that was in place for CDT code D0190. The purpose of this change is to provide continued reimbursement for this specific category of dental examination with a more specific billing code.

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com>, then select "Provider", then select "Provider Fee Schedule Download."

### **Fiscal Impact**

DSS estimates that adding SBIRT services to the fee schedules for rehabilitation clinics and medical clinics will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$3,405 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and \$3,826 in SFY 2025.

DSS estimates that there will be no financial impact to adding CDT code D0191 because it is assumed that utilization will shift from CDT code D0190 to CDT code D0191, which are paid at the same rate.

### **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 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. Please reference "SPA 23-Z - Dental Fee Schedule Update and Adding to Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Procedure Codes to Rehabilitation Clinics & Medical Clinics Fee Schedules".

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than **August 2, 2023**.

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**Milford USCG Auxiliary Offers Weekend Navigator/GPS Course**

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**MILFORD USCG AUXILIARY OFFERS WEEKEND NAVIGATOR/GPS COURSE**

**Milford, Conn.** - USCG Auxiliary Milford Flotilla is offering the Weekend Navigator/GPS course on Saturday morning, July 22, starting at 8 a.m..

For advanced registration prior to the class date, go to <http://a0142403.uscgaux.info/>.

The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla Training Center is located at 1 Helwig Street, Milford, CT, which is located one block north of Milford Boat Works. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the class. Please arrive at 7:30 a.m.

The Weekend Navigator/GPS course will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weekend Navigator is designed to provide both a basic and advanced navigation course that includes the use of GPS and charts, parallel rulers, dividers, and compass to insure safety if your electronics go out. It provides students with the rudiments of navigation by using GPS along with the back-up skill of navigation using charts, plotting tools, and dead reckoning. The intent is to provide the student with a solid foundation with emphasis on technique without a blind reliance on electronics. Basic Navigation Topics Included: What is navigation – Three steps of navigation and piloting without electronics;

Fundamental of waypoint navigation – Practice using a sample cruise exercise, GPS, avoiding hazards, and using landmarks; The tools of navigation – Use of nautical charts including scales, chart symbology, ATONs, plotting tools, GPS, compass and other electronics This course may be added to your DEEP boating license.

Cost is \$60 per person. For additional information about Coast Guard Auxiliary courses, please call 203-298-9719 or email: [milfordflot073inc@gmail.com](mailto:milfordflot073inc@gmail.com) or visit <http://a0142403.uscgaux.info/>

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*A brief history of the USCG Auxiliary*

*When the Coast Guard “Reserve” was authorized by act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilians to promote safety on and over the high seas and the nation’s navigable waters. On Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian section, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary under title 14, chapter 23 of the USC. Milford Flotilla was chartered on November 1, 1942 and celebrated it’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. When we entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort*

*as military teams. Many of their private vessels were placed into service in an effort to protect the U.S. For the Milford Flotilla, it was the Connecticut shoreline on Long Island Sound. Semper Paratus – Always Ready!*

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