

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 23-Xa: HIPAA Compliance Fee Schedule Update for Behavioral Health Clinic Fee Schedule and Updates to the Physician Office & Outpatient

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). Public comment information is at the bottom of this document.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after October 4, 2023, SPA 23-Xa will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to implement the changes detailed below.

This SPA incorporates the October 2023 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) updates to the Behavioral Health Clinic. DSS is making these changes to ensure that this fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Codes that are being added to the fee schedule are being priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category on the same fee schedule.

In addition, the following procedure codes for the Beyfortus vaccines will be added to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule.

Procedure Code	Description	Rate
90380	Respiratory syncytial virus, monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose; 0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	MP
90381	Respiratory syncytial virus, monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose; 1 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	MP

These procedure codes are manually priced by using the pharmacy methodology (lowest of (a) the usual and customary charge to the public or the pharmacy's actual submitted ingredient cost; (b) the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) established by CMS; (c) the Affordable Care Act Federal Upper Limit (FUL); or (d) wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) plus zero (0) percent when no NADAC is available for a specific drug).

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com>, then select "Provider", then select "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then Accept or Decline the Terms and Conditions and then select the applicable fee schedule.

Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that the HIPAA compliant update for the behavioral health clinic and the update to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule will in a gross cost of \$264,800 in SFY 2024 and \$405,952 in SFY 2025.

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 resource center, 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-Xa: HIPAA Compliance Fee Schedule Update for Behavioral Health Clinic Fee Schedule and Updates to the Physician Office & Outpatient.”

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than **October 19, 2023**.
