

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

#### SPA 19-B: Dental Services – HIPAA Compliance and Reimbursement Update

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 on or after January 1, 2019, SPA 19-B will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the dental fee schedules for adults and children as follows. First, this SPA will incorporate various 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) (additions, deletions and description changes) to the adult and children's dental fee schedules. Codes that are being added are being priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category and replacement codes are being priced in a manner designed to make the billing code updates cost-neutral. DSS is making these changes to ensure that these fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). In addition to the HIPAA compliance update, this SPA also various surgical codes to both the adult and children's dental fee schedules.

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com>, then select "Provider", then select "Provider Fee Schedule Download" Accept or Decline the Terms and Conditions and go to the Adult or Children's Dental Fee Schedule.

#### **Fiscal Information**

DSS estimates that the addition of oral surgery codes will increase annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures by approximately \$16,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 and \$45,000 in SFY 2020. DSS anticipates that the HIPAA compliance update portions of this SPA will not substantially affect annual aggregate expenditures.

#### **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](mailto: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 19-B: Dental Services – HIPAA Compliance and Reimbursement Update”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than January 10, 2019.

**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**  
**State Connecticut**

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Dental services – Fixed fee schedule. The agency’s rates were set as follows:

- (a) The rates for dental services provided to adults were set as of January 1, 2019; and
- (b) The rates for dental services provided to children were set for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019.

Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this page, go to “Provider” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”

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