

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 22-AJ: Section 1915(i) Portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders – Rate Increases Related to Increase in State Minimum Wage

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 July 1, 2022, SPA 22-AJ will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to increase the rates by 5.2% for the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes within the state plan home and community-based services option under section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE): 1021Z, 1022Z, 1023Z, 1200Z, 1201Z, 1202Z, 1206Z, 1210Z, 1213M, 1213M, 1214Z, 1225Z, 1226Z, 1228Z, 1230Z, 1232Z, 1244Z, 1430Z, 1431Z, 1432Z, 1433Z, 1434Z, 3022Z, 3024Z, 3025Z, 3026Z, 3027Z, 3027Z, and 3028Z. The purpose of this SPA is to reflect that providers of specified section 1915(i) CHCPE services have increased costs in paying higher wages to certain staff in order to comply with the July 1, 2022 increase in the state's minimum wage.

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

Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by \$168,508 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 and \$183,827 in SFY 2024.

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 22-AJ: Section 1915(i) Portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders – Rate Increases Related to Increase in State Minimum Wage”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than July 28, 2022.

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates

1. **Services Provided Under Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act.** For each optional service, describe the methods and standards used to set the associated payment rate. *(Check each that applies, and describe methods and standards to set rates):*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Case Management	Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and non-governmental providers of CHCPE section 1915(i) state plan HCBS. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of February <u>July</u> 1, 2022 are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Website: https://www.ctdssmap.com . From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders fee schedule.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Homemaker	Same as HCBS Case Management above
<input type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Home Health Aide	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Personal Care	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Adult Day Health	Same as HCBS Case Management above
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Respite Care	Same as HCBS Case Management above
For Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness, the following services:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Day Treatment or Other Partial Hospitalization Services	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Psychosocial Rehabilitation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HCBS Clinic Services (whether or not furnished in a facility for CMI)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Services (specify below)	
	HCBS Companion: Same as HCBS case management above	
	HCBS Chore: Same as HCBS case management above	
	HCBS Assisted Living: Same as HCBS Case Management above	
	HCBS Assistive Technology: Manual pricing is used for assistive technology equipment or other services such as home modifications that require manual pricing. These services	