

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

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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(d) Medical Clinics: Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of medical clinic services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of May 12 August 1, 2023 and 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 applicable fee schedule.

Behavioral health services provided by medical clinics are moved to the Rehabilitative Services benefit category section of the Medicaid State Plan (42 CFR § 440.130(d))

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(f) **Rehabilitation Clinics:**

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of rehabilitation clinic services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of January August 1, 2023 and 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 applicable fee schedule.

Behavioral health services provided by rehabilitation clinics are moved to the Rehabilitative Services benefit category section of the Medicaid State Plan (42 CFR § 440.130(d)).

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Dental Services:

- (a) **Dental Services Provided to Adults**: Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dental services provided to adults. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of May 12August 1, 2023 and 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 applicable fee schedule.
- (b) **Dental Services Provided to Children**: Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dental services provided to children. The agency's fee schedule rates were set May 12August 1, 2023 and 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 applicable fee schedule.