

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

**SPA 19-AH: Updates to the Physician Office & Outpatient Fee Schedule and
Physician-Surgery Fee Schedule**

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following amendment to the Medicaid State Plan 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 October 1, 2019, SPA 19-AH will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the physician office and outpatient fee schedule as follows:

This SPA will increase the rates for the Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARCs) Devices specified below. This change will apply to providers who bill these LARCs off the physician office and outpatient fee schedule. This change is necessary to properly reimburse providers for the increased acquisition cost of this device in order to ensure sufficient access to the device.

Code	Description	Price
J7297	Liletta, 52 mg	\$934.82
J7307	Etonogestrel implant	\$749.40

This SPA will also update several procedure codes on the physician-surgery fee schedule that are currently manually priced, which will be set as a fixed fee at 57.5% of the 2019 Medicare physician fee schedule. These changes are necessary because Medicare very recently added fixed fees for those codes for the first time. Setting those codes at 57.5% of applicable Medicare rates is consistent with the percentage of applicable Medicare rates used for other codes on the fee schedule. The purpose of this change is to remain aligned with Medicare now that fixed fees have been set for Medicare. The chart below lists the reimbursement rates that will be effective October 1, 2019:

CPT Code	Description	Proposed Rate
33981	Replace vad pump ext	\$541.30
33982	Replace vad intra w/o bp	\$1272.26
33983	Replace vad intra w/bp	\$1493.31
62380	Ndsc dcmpn 1 ntrspc lumbar	\$976.25

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

Fiscal Impact

Based on available information, DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$188,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 and \$290,000 in SFY 2021.

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 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- AH: Updates to the Physician Office & Outpatient Fee Schedule and Physician-Surgery Fee Schedule”.

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 9, 2019.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: CONNECTICUT

(5) Physician's services – Fixed fee schedule not to exceed the Medicare physician fee schedule. The current fee schedule was set as of October 1, 2019 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule for physicians can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download." All governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same fee schedule.

Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practices are individual sites of independent physician groups, solo physician practices, nurse practitioner groups, and individual nurse practitioners that have met National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Level 2 or Level 3 medical home recognition or NCQA medical home recognition under the 2017 or later NCQA standards (which do not recognize specific levels of recognition). PCMH practices must comply with all NCQA PCMH requirements and all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

The department offers a PCMH Glide Path program, which pays enhanced rates to practices that are providing some of the additional Medicaid services required for NCQA PCMH recognition. In order to qualify for Glide Path, a practice must demonstrate that it has begun providing a more advanced standard of primary care and has committed to achieving NCQA PCMH recognition in a set period of time. Glide Path practices must also comply with all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

Beginning January 1, 2012, PCMH and Glide Path practices may be eligible for a rate add-on to the procedure codes on the physician fee schedule identified below. PCMH practices may also be eligible for retrospective annualized supplemental payments for performance incentives and performance improvement. Independent physician-led Glide Path practices with five or fewer full-time equivalent practitioners across all practice locations may also be eligible for a supplemental payment at each Glide Path phase.

(a) Glide Path and PCMH Rate Add-On: The department will pay a rate add-on for the following procedures in addition to the amounts listed for each procedure code on the physician fee schedule: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99318, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99339, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99354, 99355, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99406, 99407, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99374, 99377, 99379, 99380, 96110, 99050, 99051, 99053, D0145,

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