

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

#### SPA 20-U: Natchaug Hospital Inpatient Rate Increase

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, 2020, SPA 20-U will amend Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan to increase the inpatient hospital per diem rate for Natchaug Hospital to \$975 during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021. The reason for this SPA is that state statute in section 315 of Public Act 19-117 requires DSS to implement this rate increase for SFY 2021.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$908,000 in SFY 2021.

#### **Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments**

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site 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 or 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: Medical Policy Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference “SPA 20-U: Natchaug Hospital Rate Increase”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than June 25, 2020.

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

(4) Private Psychiatric Hospitals for individuals under 22 and over 64 years of age:

- a. Effective July 1, 2011, the per diem rate for acute psychiatric care provided in a private psychiatric hospital shall be \$814.65.

Effective January 1, 2012, per diem rates for private psychiatric hospitals will differentiate between adults 19 years of age and older and children 18 years of age and younger. Additionally, the adult psychiatric per diem rates will differentiate between lengths of stays less than 30 days and stays of 30 days or more. Additionally, the child psychiatric per diem rates will differentiate between medically necessary acute days and medically necessary discharge delay days.

Effective January 1, 2012, per diem rates for private psychiatric hospitals shall be:

	Adult Per Diem		Child Per Diem	
	Days 1-29	Days 30+	Acute Days	Discharge Delay Days
NATCHAUG	\$814.65	\$692.45	\$829.96	\$705.47

Effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the per diem rate for Natchaug Hospital adult per diem days 1-29 and child per diem acute days shall be \$975.00 per acute day and \$828.75 for adult days 30+ and child discharge delay days (85% of acute day rate).

- b. The per diem rate is inclusive of all hospital service fees and hospital-based professional services. Payment shall continue as long as placement in this level of care is appropriate.
- c. Each out-of-state psychiatric hospital may have its rate set optionally at \$1,050.00 per day, its home state Medicaid rate, its Medicare base rate, its percentage of allowable costs to charges based on its most recent Medicare cost report, or 42.9% of charges. Such percentage is applied to usual and customary charges in determining reimbursement.