

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 21-C: Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory – HIPAA Compliance Billing Code 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, 2021, SPA 21-C will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to incorporate the 2021 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to the Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory fee schedules. DSS is making these changes to ensure that these fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This SPA also establishes fixed fees for certain laboratory codes that were previously manually priced because Medicare recently established fees for those codes. Codes that are being added are being priced using a comparable methodology to other codes in the same or similar category based on available information. The purpose of that change is to establish more consistent pricing for those codes.

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

Fiscal Impact

For independent radiology services, DSS does not anticipate that this SPA will substantially affect annual aggregate expenditures.

For independent laboratory services, DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$5,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 and \$12,000 for SFY 2022.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site at the following 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. Please reference “SPA 21-C: Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory – HIPAA Compliance Billing Code 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 13, 2021.

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(3) Other Laboratory and X-ray Services –

- Laboratory Services: Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of laboratory services. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of ~~January 1, 2020~~January 1, 2021 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” The Department reviews Medicare rate changes annually to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

- X-ray Services provided by independent radiology centers: Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of x-ray services provided by independent radiology centers. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of ~~September 1, 2020~~January 1, 2021. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Select the “Independent Radiology” fee schedule, which displays global fees, including both the technical and professional components of each fee.

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