

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

#### **SPA 21-E: Audiology and Speech & Language Pathology – HIPAA Compliance Billing Code and Reimbursement 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-E 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 Audiology and Speech & Language Pathology fee schedule. DSS is making these changes to ensure that these fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). New codes are being priced in accordance with a comparable methodology as existing codes, priced at 57.5% of the 2021 Medicare physician fee schedule.

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

#### **Fiscal Information**

Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that this SPA will not change annual aggregate expenditures in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 and 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](mailto: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-E: Audiology and Speech & Language Pathology – HIPAA Compliance Billing Code and Reimbursement 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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- (10) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of independent therapies, including physical therapy and related services, occupational therapy and audiology and speech pathology services and the fee schedule is published at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) From this page, go to “Provider” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”.
- a) Physical therapy and related services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2020 and are effective for services on or after that date.
  - b) Occupational therapy – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2020 and are effective for services on or after that date. Occupational therapists will be reimbursed according to the fee schedule for physical therapists.
  - c) Audiology and speech pathology services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, ~~2020~~2021 and are effective for services on or after that date.

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