

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Clarification to Previously Published Notice for SPA 21-O: Medical Equipment, Devices and Supplies (MEDS) – Reduced Rates for Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets and Quantity Limit Changes for Specified MEDS Items

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).

Clarification to Initial Notice

On May 18, 2021, a public notice for this SPA was published in the Connecticut Law Journal. Except as clarified below, the May 18, 2021 notice remains fully in effect. Specifically, this notice makes one clarification to that notice as follows:

Clarification: The quantities displayed for the medical surgical supply procedure codes on that notice are monthly quantities. That notice failed to indicate the timeframe in which the quantities applied (e.g., daily, monthly or annual). In addition, the catheters referenced in the notice are indwelling catheters.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after July 1, 2021, the quantities for the medical surgical supply procedure codes below are being revised as follows:

Code	Procedure Code Description	Current Quantity (Monthly unless Otherwise Noted)	New Quantity (Monthly unless Otherwise Noted)
A4310	Insert tray w/o bag/catheter	10	4
A4311	Indwelling catheter w/o bag 2-way latex	8	4
A4312	Indwelling catheter w/o bag 2-way silicone	8	4
A4313	Indwelling catheter w/bag 3-way	8	4

A4314	Indwelling catheter w/drainage 2-way latex	8	4
A4315	Indwelling catheter w/drainage 2-way silicone	8	4
A4316	Indwelling catheter w/drainage 3-way	8	4
A4320	Irrigation tray with bulb or piston syringe any purpose	31	10
A4322	Irrigation syringe bulb or piston each	20	6
A4326	Male external catheter with integral collection chamber	31	6
A4338	Indwelling catheter; foley type two-way latex	10	4
A4340	Indwelling catheter; specialty type	31	4
A4344	Indwelling catheter foley type two-way all silicone each	10	4
A4354	Insertion tray with drainage bag but without catheter	8	4
A4357	Bedside drainage bag day or night...each	10	4
A4358	Urinary drainage bag leg or abdomen vinyl	31	4
A6023	Collagen dressing sterile size more than 48 sq. in. each	16	10
A7045	Exhalation port with or without swivel used with accessories for positive airway replacement only	1	1 per 6 months
A9273	Cold or hot water bottle, ice cap or collar wrap any type	1	1 per year
T4521	Adult sized disposable incontinence product brief/diaper small, each	250	216
T4522	Adult sized disposable incontinence product brief/diaper medium, each	250	216

T4523	Adult sized disposable incontinence product brief/diaper large, each	250	216
T4524	Adult sized disposable incontinence product brief/diaper extra large, each	250	216
T4525	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective underwear/pull-on small, each	250	216
T4526	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective underwear/pull-on medium, each	250	216
T4527	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective underwear/pull-on large, each	250	216
T4528	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective underwear/pull-on extra large, each	250	216
T4543	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective brief/diaper above extra large, each	250	216
T4544	Adult sized disposable incontinence product protective underwear/pull-on above extra large, each	250	216

These limit changes are being made in order to be more in line with the use, durability, and general sustainability of the item and to help prevent unnecessary utilization.

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com>, then select “Provider”, then select “Provider Fee Schedule Download”, then Accept or Decline the Terms and Conditions and then select the applicable fee schedule.

Fiscal Impact

DSS continues to estimate the same fiscal impact as set forth in the May 18, 2021 public notice. In particular:

DSS estimates that the reimbursement decrease to the diabetic test strips and lancets on the DME fee schedule will reduce annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$2.6 million in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 and \$3.0 million in SFY 2023.

DSS estimates that the quantity limit changes to the DME, Orthotic and Prosthetic and Medical Surgical Supplies fee schedules will reduce annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$3.0 million in SFY 2022 and \$3.3 million in SFY 2023.

Compliance with Federal Access Regulations

In accordance with federal regulations at 42 C.F.R. §§ 447.203 and 447.204, DSS is required to ensure that there is sufficient access to Medicaid services, including services where payment rates are proposed to be reduced or where payment rates or methodologies are being restructured in a manner that may affect access to services. As described above, this SPA is making various changes to MEDS, including reducing the rates for diabetic blood glucose test strips and lancets to 100% of the current Medicare rate.

Those federal regulations also require DSS to have ongoing mechanisms for Medicaid members, providers, other stakeholders, and the public to provide DSS with feedback about access. In addition to other available procedures, anyone may send DSS comments about the potential impact of this SPA on access to the applicable MEDS services as part of the public comment process for this SPA. Contact information and the deadline for submitting public comments are listed below.

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 21-O: Medical Equipment Devices and Supplies (MEDS) Reduced Rates for Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets and Quantity Limit Changes for Specified MEDS Items.”

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than July 1, 2021.