

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 22-C: Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory – HIPAA Compliance Fee Schedule Updates

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, 2022, SPA 22-C will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to incorporate the 2022 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

DSS estimates the changes to independent radiology services will not affect annual aggregate expenditures in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 and SFY 2023.

DSS estimates the changes to the independent laboratory services, will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$20,753 in SFY 2022 and \$32,064 for SFY 2023.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site at the following 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 22-C: Independent Radiology and Independent Laboratory – HIPAA Compliance Fee Schedule Updates”.

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 12, 2022.

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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 ~~July~~ January 1, 202~~2~~1 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 January 1, 202~~2~~1. 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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