STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 24-W: Chronic Disease Hospitals – Supplemental Payment

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). Public comment information is at the bottom of this document.

Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

On or after July 1, 2024, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan to make a supplemental payment to free-standing licensed chronic disease hospitals, as defined in section 19a-550 of the Connecticut General Statutes, with Medicaid inpatient utilization exceeding 50% for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023. DSS anticipates that the funding will support continued access and quality for these services.

Estimated Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this will increase annual aggregate expenditures by \$1,200,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This proposed SPA is posted on the DSS web site at this link: <u>https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-State-Plan-Amendments</u>. 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). When feasible and relevant, the versions of the SPA pages posted to that webpage include track changes indicating this SPA's proposed changes to the current version of the Medicaid State Plan.

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: <u>Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov</u> or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105. Please reference "SPA 24-W: Chronic Disease Hospitals – Supplemental Payment".

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than July 24, 2024.

State Connecticut

Supplemental Payment for Private Free-Standing Chronic Disease Hospitals

On or after July 1, 2024, a one-time supplemental payment of \$1,200,000 will be made to each private free-standing chronic disease hospitals with Medicaid inpatient utilization exceeding 50% for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023.

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