

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SPA 25-P: Addition of Coverage for Electronic Consultations (E-Consults)**

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) is submitting the Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-P 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.

**Changes to Connecticut Medicaid State Plan**

Effective on or after January 1, 2025, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to incorporate the coverage of electronic consultations (e-consults). An e-consult is a consultation service through which a member’s primary care practitioner or treating practitioner (defined as a physician, advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified nurse mid-wife (CNM), and physician assistant) requests the opinion and/or treatment advice of a physician/psychiatrist, APRN, CNM or physician assistant with a specific specialty, to assist the primary care or treating practitioner in the diagnosis and/or management of the member’s presenting complaint. E-consults are typically provided in cases where a timely face-to-face visit with a specialist is not necessary or may not be feasible due to, factors including but not limited to, time and distance

DSS intends to add the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes on the physician office and outpatient fee schedule to increase access to medically necessary specialist services covered under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP).

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
99451	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/EHR assessment and mgt by consultative physician, 5 mins or more
99452	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/EHR referral service(s) provided by a treating/requesting physician, 30 mins

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com> (select “Provider,” then “Provider Fee Schedule Download,” accept the terms and conditions, and select the applicable fee schedule).

**Fiscal Impact**

The addition of e-consults to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule will result in gross fiscal impact of \$43,186 in SFY 2025 and \$106,756 in SFY 2026.

## **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 resource center, 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 25-P: Addition of Coverage for Electronic Consultations (E-Consults)”.

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 10, 2025**.

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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(5) Physician's services – Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of physician's services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of ~~January 1, 2025~~ January 1, 2025, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: <https://www.ctdssmap.com>. From this web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then select the applicable fee schedule.

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