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**TO: All Medicaid Providers**  
**SUBJECT: Interim Reimbursement Arrangements Under the Administrative Services Organization for the Restructured State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) Medical Program Extension**

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify Connecticut Medical Assistance Providers of an extension to the special reimbursement arrangements related to the restructured State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) Medical Program as described in Provider Bulletin 2004-61.

In order to mitigate against disruptions in continuity of care for SAGA clients, all services provided during the month of September 2004 by a) non-participating providers, b) non-assigned primary care providers (PCPs), and c) participating specialty providers who provide services to clients without a PCP referral or prior authorization will be reimbursed by Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT). Reimbursement of non-participating providers will be at the CHNCT rate for participating providers.

Non-participating providers who have scheduled clients for services during October are reminded to contact CHNCT to enroll as a participating provider or make any necessary referrals to participating primary care providers. Participating primary care providers who are not the assigned PCP for a given client will need to be selected by the client in order to continue to receive reimbursement for primary care services. As of October 1, 2004, specialist providers will be required to follow CHNCT's policies regarding PCP referral and prior authorization in order to qualify for reimbursement. Services rendered by non-participating providers that have not been authorized by CHNCT may be reimbursed on an exception basis.

Providers wishing to enroll in CHNCT's network should call CHNCT at 1800-440-5071.

All PCPs assigned to serve SAGA clients by CHNCT should obtain releases from SAGA clients in order to obtain the medical records from their former treating physician.

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