

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

#### **Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology Reimbursement (SPA 15-043)**

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 September 1, 2015, SPA 15-043 will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to revise the fees for the Current Procedure Terminology codes: 92507 and 92508 on the Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology fee schedule. In addition, the maximum allowable units of service that can be billed for these codes will be changed to one (1) unit per date of service, according to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE). The rate increase is intended to make this change revenue-neutral by offsetting the expenditures that would otherwise have been reduced by implementing this limit based on the NCCI edit described above.

#### Fiscal Information

It is estimated that this SPA will not change annual aggregate expenditures.

#### Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal Medicaid requirements, upon request, DSS will provide copies of the proposed SPA. Copies of the proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS regional office and on the DSS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates”.

Written, phone, and email requests should be sent to Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: [ginny.mahoney@ct.gov](mailto:ginny.mahoney@ct.gov)). Please reference: “SPA 15-043: Changes to Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology Reimbursement”. Members of the public may also submit written comments concerning the proposed change. Written comments must be received at the above contact information no later than September 9, 2015.

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

**State Connecticut**

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- (10) Dental services – Fixed fee schedule. The agency’s rates were set as of October 1, 2014 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this page, go to “Provider” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”
- (11) Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of independent therapies, including physical therapy and related services, occupational therapy and audiology and speech pathology services and the fee schedule is published at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this page, go to “Provider” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”.
- a) Physical therapy and related services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and effective for services on or after that date.
  - b) Occupational therapy – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Occupational therapists will be reimbursed according to the fee schedule for physical therapists.
  - c) Audiology and speech pathology services – Fixed fee schedule. Rates were set as of September 1, 2015 and effective for services on or after that date.