DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment

Limit Bitewing X-rays for Children (SPA 15-027)

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 May 1, 2015, SPA 15-027 will amend Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to limit bitewing x-rays to being performed at only one visit per child, per year. Currently, there is no restriction on the number of bitewing x-rays for Medicaid enrollees under age 21. DSS is making this change in order to mirror the Department's policy for adults and also to be comparable to commercial insurance plans. In addition, this change would prevent unnecessary radiation exposure to children.

Fiscal Information

Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that the proposed changes will reduce annual aggregate expenditures by approximately $78,000 in State Fiscal Year 2015 and $964,000 in State Fiscal Year 2016.

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). Please reference "SPA 15-027: Limit Bitewing X-rays for Children".) Members of the public may also submit written comments concerning the proposed change. Written comments must be received at the above contact information by May 13, 2015.

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CATEGORICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S) ALL

(b) Limitations

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(2) For clients 21 years of age and older, no more than one (1) oral examination and (1) prophylaxis every year, unless there is evidence that dental disease is an aggravating factor for a person's overall health.

(3) Fluoride treatment for adults is limited to adults who have xerostomia or have undergone head or neck radiation therapy.

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