

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment**

#### **Laboratory Services Reimbursement (SPA 15-008)**

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.

#### Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective January 1, 2015, SPA 15-008 will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to revise the DSS fee schedule for Laboratory Services. Changes include the addition (with pricing) and deletion of codes in order to remain consistent with Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). In addition, fees for specified codes that were already on the fee schedule are being reduced in order to ensure payments are consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a)(30)(A).

#### Fiscal Information

The Department estimates that the proposed changes will result in reduced annual aggregate expenditures of approximately \$10.1 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 and \$13.8 million in Federal 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 amendment may also be obtained at any DSS regional office and on the DSS web site: <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 15-008: Laboratory Services Reimbursement”. Members of the public may also submit written comments on the SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than January 13, 2015.

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- (3) Other Laboratory and X-ray Services –The fee schedules and any adjustments to the fee schedules are published in [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). Fees are effective as of the date noted below, except that fees may be deleted or added and priced in order to remain compliant with HIPAA or to correct pricing errors. Laboratory and X-ray service fees are the same for both governmental and private providers.
- Laboratory Services were set as of January 1, 2015. The Department reviews Medicare rate changes annually. Any Medicaid fee that exceeds the applicable Medicare fee is reduced to 70% of the Medicare fee or the Medicare floor whichever is higher.
  - X-ray services provided by independent radiology centers were set as of March 1, 2001. Select the “Independent Radiology” fee schedule, which displays global fees, including both the technical and professional components of each fee.

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