

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Updating Reimbursement Rate of Laboratory Code (SPA 15-046)

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 October 15, 2015, SPA 15-046 will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to revise the pricing of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code, G0431 (Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method [e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay], per patient encounter) listed on the Independent Laboratory Clinic fee schedule.

Fiscal Information

Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that this SPA will reduce annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$2 million in State Fiscal Year 2016 and by approximately \$3 million in State Fiscal Year 2017.

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 15-046: Updating Reimbursement Rate of Laboratory Code”. Members of the public may also send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received at the above contact information no later than October 14, 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. 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 October 1, 2015. The Department reviews Medicare rate changes annually. Any Medicaid fee that exceeds the applicable Medicare fee is reduced to 90% of the Medicare fee or the Medicare floor whichever is higher.
- X-ray services provided by independent radiology centers were set as of May 1, 2015. Select the “Independent Radiology” fee schedule, which displays global fees, including both the technical and professional components of each fee.

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Supersedes

SPA 15-021 (SPA 15-008 and SPA 15-001 touch this same page)