

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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### Notice of Proposed Changes to the State Medicaid Plan

The Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to amend its Medicaid State Plan effective November 1, 2010 to implement changes pursuant to the state budget.

Under state plan amendment 09-026, the Department of Social Services has proposed to amend Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B of the Connecticut Medicaid State Plan pertaining to dental services. The Department has proposed requirements that dental providers obtain prior authorization for identified dental services and to document the medical necessity for high cost procedures. The Department will perform utilization review assessments to determine whether services delivered to members are appropriate.

The Department now intends to apply these requirements for prior authorization of services and post procedure authorization on services provided by hospital dental clinics and freestanding dental clinics. Federally qualified health centers are not included in the requirements at this time. The projected cost savings are \$4.4 million in SFY 11 and \$4.7 million in SFY 12.

Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained at each of the DSS's regional offices and on the DSS web site: [www.dss.state.ct.us](http://www.dss.state.ct.us). Go to "Publications" and then to "News and Updates." For problems, please contact 860-424-5112.

Written comments must be received by November 9, 2010 at the following address:

Director of Medical Care Administration  
Re: State Plan Amendment for Dental Services  
Department of Social Services  
25 Sigourney Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT 06106

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