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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE OF PROPOSED MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS (SPAs)

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Nursing Facility Reimbursement (SPA 15-032)

Effective on or after July 1, 2015, based upon the most recent version of the draft Legislative Budget for State Fiscal Year 2016 and State Fiscal Year 2017 biennium and actions to date by the General Assembly, it is anticipated that SPA 15-032 will amend the Medicaid State Plan to remove the implementation of any rate increases or decreases, and instead include funds for wage enhancements only, within the rates. While the draft budget and related implementing legislation are still pending in the General Assembly, federal regulations require DSS to submit public notice at this time.

Based upon preliminary estimates using the information that is available at this time, with the exception of normal allowable fair rent pass-through adjustments, it is anticipated that annual aggregate expenditures for payments to nursing facilities will increase by approximately \$19.5 million for State Fiscal Year 2016 and \$19.5 million for State Fiscal Year 2017.

Private Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) (SPA 15-033)

Effective on or after July 1, 2015, based upon the most recent version of the draft Legislative Budget for the State Fiscal Year 2016 and State Fiscal Year 2017 biennium and actions to date by the General Assembly, it is anticipated that SPA 15-033 will amend the Medicaid State Plan to remove the implementation of any rate increases or decreases for private ICF/IIDs. While the draft budget and related implementing legislation are still pending in the General Assembly, federal regulations require DSS to submit public notice at this time.

Based upon preliminary estimates using the information that is available at this time, with the exception of normal allowable fair rent pass-through adjustments, it is anticipated that annual aggregate expenditures for payments to private ICF/IIDs will remain unchanged for State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **(for all proposed State Plan Amendments described in this Notice)**

In accordance with federal Medicaid requirements, upon request, DSS will provide copies of the proposed SPAs. Copies of the proposed SPAs may 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 Christopher A. LaVigne, Office of Reimbursement & Certificate of Need, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5719, Fax: 860-424-4812, Email: Christopher.Lavigne@ct.gov). Please reference the relevant SPA number(s) (e.g., SPA 15-032 – Nursing Facility Payments or SPA 15-033 – Payments to Private Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). Members of the public may also submit written comments about these SPAs. Written comments must be received at the above contact information no later than June 30, 2015.