

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATE MEDICAID PLAN

The Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to amend its Medicaid State Plan on or after July 1, 2011

DSS intends to amend Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B of the Connecticut Medicaid State Plan pertaining to dental services. Under State Plan Amendment 11-020, DSS will limit the frequency of certain dental services for adults and will also impose additional prior authorization services on additional dental services for adults. DSS will limit dental cleanings, bitewing x-rays and a periodic exam to one per year for healthy adults. DSS will also place other quantity and frequency limitations on certain non-emergent services for adults and impose prior authorization on some additional services. These new requirements and limitations will not affect children under the age of 21.

The Department anticipates savings of \$ 9.8 million in SFY 12 and \$ 10.3 million in SFY13 as result of these changes.

Copies of the proposed change may be obtained at each of the DSS's regional offices and on the DSS web site: www.dss.state.ct.us. Go to "Publications" and then to "News and Updates". For information please contact 860-424-5145.

Written comments may be sent by July 12, 2011 to:

Director of Dental Services
Re: 11-020, State Plan Amendment for Dental Services
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street, 11th floor
Hartford, CT 06106

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NEEDY GROUP(S) ALL

- (b) Limitations – Any of the limitations described below may be exceeded under EPSDT if the service is medically necessary.
- (1) No more than one (1) intraoral, complete series radiograph during any three (3) year period per recipient.
 - (2) No more than one (1) set of bitewing films during any six (6) month period for the same recipient. For clients 21 years of age and older, no more than one (1) set of bitewing films for the same recipient during any one (1) year period, unless there is evidence that dental disease is an aggravating factor for a person's overall health.
 - (3) No more than one (1) EPSDT dental screening/oral examination in a six (6) month period for the same recipient.
 - (4) No more than one (1) admission exam for the same recipient in an ICF or SNF per provider.
 - (5) No more than one (1) annual exam for the same recipient in an ICF or SNF (with exceptions) .
 - (6) No more than one (1) prophylaxis every six (6) months for clients under 21 years of age.
 - (7) 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.
 - (8) Fluoride treatment for clients less than 21 years of age is limited to two (2) times per year)(with exceptions).
 - (9) Fluoride treatment for adults is limited to adults who have xerostomia or have undergone head or neck radiation therapy.
 - (10) No more than (1) permanent filling for the same tooth surface (with exceptions).

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- (11) For clients 21 years of age and older, one comprehensive examination per lifetime (with exceptions);
 - (12) For clients 21 years of age and older, no more than four (4) periapical x-rays in one (1) year.
- (c) Dental Services Not Covered
- (1) Fixed Bridges
 - (2) Periodontics
 - (3) Implants
 - (4) Transplants
 - (5) Cosmetic Dentistry
 - (6) Vestibuloplasty
 - (7) Unilateral removable appliances
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 - (c) The examination is performed in the SNF/ICF only.
- (11) For clients 21 years of age and older, resin based composite restorations to the molar teeth.
- (12) Orthodontia, except for clients under twenty-one (21) years of age
- (13) Any procedure or service of an unproven, experimental or research nature.

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