

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Laboratory Services Reimbursement (SPA 16-0031)

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 on or after October 1, 2016, SPA 16-0031 will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to revise the DSS fee schedule for Laboratory Services. Procedure code 81528 will be increased to 70% of the current 2016 Medicare fee, in order to remain consistent with our current pricing methodology for laboratory services.

Fiscal Information

At this time, the Department estimates that the proposed changes will result in minimal changes to annual aggregate expenditures for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018.

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

The proposed SPA is posted on the DSS website at this link: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates.” The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office and upon request from DSS.

To request a copy of the SPA or to send comments about the SPA, please email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov or write 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). Please reference “SPA 16-0031: Laboratory Services Reimbursement”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received at the above contact information no later than October 12, 2016.

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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, 2016. The Department reviews Medicare rate changes annually to ensure compliance with federal requirements.
 - X-ray services provided by independent radiology centers were set as of January 1, 2016. Select the “Independent Radiology” fee schedule, which displays global fees, including both the technical and professional components of each fee.

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