

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

GROUP COUNSELING FOR SMOKING CESSATION (SPA # 13-024)

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (the “Department”) proposes to submit an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after November 1, 2013, the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) will amend the fee schedule for mental health and substance abuse clinics to reimburse group counseling for smoking cessation. Together with this change, the Department will also reimburse Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for providing group counseling for smoking cessation. The Department is making these changes because group counseling for smoking cessation has been shown to be a clinically effective service for many individuals.

Fiscal Information – Estimated Annual Change to Medicaid Expenditures

Based on the information that is available at this time, the Department estimates that the proposed changes will result in increased annual aggregate expenditures of approximately \$943,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2014 and \$1,051,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal requirements governing the Medicaid program, upon request, the Department will provide copies of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at each of the Department’s regional offices and on the Department’s web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to “Publications” and then “Updates.”

Written, phone, and email requests should be directed to Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5033 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov). Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (e.g., “SPA # 13-024: Group Counseling for Smoking Cessation”).

Members of the public may also submit written comments on the SPA by mail, fax, or email. Written comments must be received by the Department at the above contact information no later than November 14, 2013.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Connecticut

- (d) Medical Clinics: The current fee schedule was set as of December 1, 2010 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.ctdssmap.com.
- (e) Mental Health and Substance Abuse Clinics:
The current fee schedule was set as of November 1, 2013 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. Effective July 1, 2008 the Department has established a separate fee schedule for mental health and substance abuse clinics other than Federally Qualified Health Centers that meet special access and quality standards and such fees are higher than the fees available to mental health and substance abuse clinics that do not meet such special standards. All rates are published at www.ctdssmap.com.
- (f) Rehabilitation Clinics: Effective September 1, 2008, reimbursement for physical therapy and occupational therapy provided by rehabilitation clinics will change from a per visit fee to CPT modality-specific fee based reimbursement. The current fee schedule was set as of September 1, 2008 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.ctdssmap.com.

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