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TO: General Hospitals, Independent Laboratories, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Nurse Midwives

RE: Reimbursement Update of Code 81528 on Independent Laboratory Fee Schedule

Effective for the dates of service September 1, 2016 and forward, the Department of Social Services is revising the reimbursement for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code **81528-Oncology (colorectal) screening, quantitative real-time target and signal amplification of 10 DNA markers (KRAS mutations, promoter methylation of NDRG4 and BMP3) and fecal hemoglobin, utilizing stool, algorithm reported as a positive or negative result**, on the 2016 Medicaid Independent Laboratory fee schedule, from \$185.95 to \$349.55, with prior authorization. This new rate is set at 70% of the current rate on the 2016 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule.

The Department is implementing this change to remain consistent with pricing methodology, as well as to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). These changes apply to the HUSKY Health programs which include HUSKY A, HUSKY B, HUSKY C and HUSKY D. Limits and cost sharing for HUSKY B clients remain as outlined in the benefit descriptions of these programs.

ACCESSING THE FEE SCHEDULE

The updated Laboratory fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web site, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", select "I accept", then select the "Lab" fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about billing, or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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