

interChange Provider Important Message

Medical Equipment, Devices and Supplies (MEDS) Provider Reimbursement

To: Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) MEDS Providers

Re: Opportunity to Provide Voluntary Cost Information to Department of Social Services (DSS) to Assist with Reimbursement Analysis

On March 16, 2018, DSS met with MEDS providers to discuss the impact of the federal changes and requested voluntary cost information from MEDS providers to assist in determining appropriate levels of MEDS reimbursement while ensuring compliance with the federal changes that are necessary to obtain federal matching funds for durable medical equipment (DME) services provided through Connecticut's Medicaid program.

In order to collect the necessary documentation, DSS has launched the website below to allow providers to voluntarily submit cost information:

<http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Reimbursement-and-Certificate-of-Need/DME-Medicaid-Reimbursement>

Do not send documents that contain client sensitive information, including information protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). If you send documents with client data, please redact this information from the documents or please send through a secure portal in compliance with HIPAA.

Important Note: It is each individual's responsibility to determine which information and documents that individual is permitted to disclose to DSS. In addition, the state Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. 1-200 et seq. ("FOIA") requires DSS to disclose documents in its possession upon request, which means that anything you send to DSS may need to be publicly disclosed. Although there are exemptions in the



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FOIA, they are permissive and not required. If an individual choosing to send information to DSS in response to this voluntary request believes that all or part of certain information or documents is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, that individual must clearly mark such information or documents as CONFIDENTIAL and may be required to provide additional explanation or information to DSS. DSS will decide whether such information or documents are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA.