

interChange Provider Important Message

Changes in the Reimbursement of Meals under the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) Waiver Programs

Effective **October 1, 2016**, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has revised their reimbursement guidelines for the delivery of meals under the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) waiver programs. Currently meals are reimbursed for one (1) unit of a single or double meal delivered per day for a total of seven (7) units per week. As this may not always be an effective delivery for clients who may be serviced on weekends, during inclement weather, or other circumstances where the delivery of two or more days of allowed meals would be more appropriate, DSS has revised their guidelines on the reimbursement of the number of meals delivered per day.

Effective for **dates of service October 1, 2016 and forward**, DSS will allow the delivery of up to seven (7) units/days of meals delivered to an ABI or CHCPE waiver client in a single day, if such a delivery is appropriate based on client circumstances and agency resources. **DSS will not allow more than 7 units/meals to be delivered and billed within a calendar week.** The delivery must be accommodated without loss of product perishability, such as the delivery of frozen meals which can be accommodated by a client who has access to freezer storage.