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TO: Home Health Agencies

RE: Increased Rate for Nursing Services for Complex/High Tech Level of Care

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2017, the rate for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifier TG-Complex/high tech level of care will be increased when billed for nursing services for HUSKY Health members with complex medical needs, as described below.

Currently, home health agencies that provide more than two (2) hours of complex nursing services per day to HUSKY Health members must bill HCPCS modifier-TG when billing for complex nursing services. The reimbursement for HCPCS modifier-TG is currently calculated as 45.7% of the applicable rate assigned to the HCPCS codes for skilled nursing services billed under the HCPCS codes S9123 and S9124.

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2017 and forward, the rate for HCPCS modifier-TG will be increased from 45.7% to 47.2% of the applicable rate for HCPCS codes S9123 and S9124.

Home health agencies billing nursing hours for complex nursing care **must continue to request prior authorization from the medical administrative services organization (ASO), Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. (CHNCT), for greater than 2 hours of nursing care per day** and they must continue to bill using HCPCS modifier-TG.

Billing Instructions:

HCPCS modifier-TG must be billed with one of the following HCPCS codes when billing for complex nursing services (as defined above):

- S9123-Nursing care in home by registered nurse, per hour; and
- S9124-Nursing care in home by licensed practical nurse, per hour.

As currently required, if complex nursing services are provided to more than one HUSKY Health member residing within the same residence, the home health agency must bill with HCPCS modifier-TT (Individualized services provided to more than one patient) in addition to HCPCS modifier-TG (Complex/high tech level of care).

As currently required, HCPCS modifier-TE-LPN/LVN must continue be used when billing HCPCS code S9124 with HCPCS modifier-TG for complex/high tech level of care services rendered by a licensed practical nurse (see chart below).

| HCPCS Codes | Modifier | Pre 10/1/17 Rates | Rates Effective 10/1/17 |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| S9123 | TG | \$43.51 | \$44.93 |
| S9123 | TG/TT | \$21.75 | \$22.47 |
| S9124 | TG/TE | \$36.80 | \$38.01 |
| S9124 | TG/TT/TE | \$18.40 | \$19.01 |

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