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**TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Certified Nurse Midwives, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

**RE: Subsequent Observation Procedure Codes (99224 – 99226)**

The following observation codes are added to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule effective for dates of service September 14, 2016 and forward.

- 99224: Subsequent observation care, per day... physician typically spends 15 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.
- 99225: Subsequent observation care, per day... physician typically spends 25 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.
- 99226: Subsequent observation care, per day... physician typically spends 35 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

For dates of service July 1, 2016 through September 13, 2016 only, providers may bill a comparable evaluation and management procedure code in the range of 99213 – 99215 in place of the subsequent observation codes. The documentation (including the time spent at the bedside or on the patient's hospital unit or floor) must support the level of evaluation and management code billed.

Please note, consistent with the hospital observation policy, the Department will reimburse for up to 48 hours of observation services. If observation status spans past 48 hours, practitioners should not bill the Department for the subsequent observation codes. If on post payment review the Department finds that providers have billed and been reimbursed for subsequent observation services past 48 hours, a financial adjustment may be taken.

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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