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Hospital Monthly Important Message Updated as of 1/16/24

*All red text is new for 1/16/24

CMAP Addendum B January 2024

The January version of CMAP Addendum B is under development and will be posted to the Hospital Modernization page on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site once finalized.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will be updating the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Addendum B to incorporate the 2024 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions, and description changes) for dates of service January 1, 2024 and forward to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

An updated PDF and Excel version of Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Addendum B V25.0 will be posted to the Hospital Modernization page on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site.

APC Payment rate changes for procedure codes assigned a status indicator G or K were updated and loaded into the system on December 26, 2023 with an effective date for dates of service January 1, 2024 and forward.

Changed or deleted procedure codes will be updated in the near future.

The changes can be identified by the following indicators:

- “G or K” - A change has been made to the payment rate (status indicator G or K).
- “New” - The procedure code was added by CMS.
- “X” - A change has been made to the procedure code or status indicator.

Changes and older versions of CMAP Addendum B can be found on the Hospital Modernization page under “CMAP Addendum B Changes and Historical Versions.”

Annual 3M Grouper

Diagnosis Related Grouper (DRG) January Updates - DRG Weight, Average Length of Stay (ALOS) and Outlier Threshold

Per the amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan, DSS shall pay for hospital inpatient services on a fully prospective per discharge basis using DRG-based payments. Diagnosis related groups will be assigned using the most recent version of the 3M All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Grouper (APR-DRG) with each new grouper version released by 3M being implemented the subsequent January 1st. DRG Weights, average length of stays and outlier thresholds for the new version will all have an effective date of January 1, 2024.

The Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Calculator has been updated to reflect the DRG Weights, Average Length of Stays (ALOS) and Outlier Thresholds effective for discharge dates January 1, 2024 and forward. The Department of Social Services (DSS) has updated the hospital rates for discharge dates January 1, 2024 and forward. The hospital's Adjusted Base Rate, IME Factor and Cost-to-Charge ratio are located under the Provider Table CT tab in the DRG Calculator. In addition, the hospital's Behavioral Health and Rehab per diem rates have been updated for dates of service January 1, 2024 and forward. The updated DRG Calculator has been added to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site - Hospital Modernization Web Page.

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Annual Rates/Parameters for the Outpatient Payment Prospective System (OPPS)

Hospitals received their annual rates/parameters letter for the Outpatient Payment Prospective System (OPPS) in December.

Provider Bulletins

Note that the following reflects an overview of provider bulletins distributed since the last Hospital Monthly Important Message was posted. Hospitals should use the links presented below to review the full bulletin.

Provider Bulletin [2023-80](#) - Annual Update to the Inpatient Hospital Adjustment Factors and Update to the APRDRG Weights

This policy transmittal is to inform providers that, effective for inpatient hospital discharges on or after January 1, 2024: (1) the adjustment factor added to the All Patient Refined - Diagnosis-Related Group (APR-DRG) base payment calculation will be updated for calendar year (CY) 2024 in accordance with the existing approved methodology and (2) the version 41 traditional weights established by 3M will be implemented for APR-DRG.

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin [2023-81](#) - Out-of-State and Border Hospital Reimbursement - Effective January 1, 2024

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is notifying border and out-of-state (OOS) hospitals that the rates and parameters for reimbursement of inpatient and outpatient hospital services, provided to Connecticut Medicaid members, have been updated effective for dates of discharges on or after January 1, 2024.

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin [2023-84](#) - January 2024 Quarterly HIPAA Compliant Update - Laboratory Fee Schedule

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2024 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is incorporating the January 2024 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions, and description changes) to the Laboratory fee schedule. DSS is making these changes to ensure that the Consolidated Laboratory fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin [2023-88](#) - Policy Updates and Changes to Clinical Review Criteria

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify enrolled Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) providers of upcoming policy changes to clinical review criteria for certain medical services and items.

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

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Provider Bulletin [2024-03](#) - Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Provider Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is conducting a Provider Satisfaction Survey to obtain your feedback on the services provided by Gainwell Technologies. Our goal is to consistently improve our service to you in all areas. Your comments on Gainwell Technologies' performance as well as areas which still require attention are appreciated and will assist us in serving you better.

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Important Messages

None

TPL Audit Report - December 2023

The Third-Party Liability (TPL) Audit reports were sent to the following hospitals on January 1, 2024.

- CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
- PROSPECT MANCHESTER HOSPITAL, INC
- SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL, INC
- THE CHARLOTTE HUNGERFORD HOSPITAL
- THE DANBURY HOSPITAL
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Re-enrollment Reminder for Hospitals

Hospital providers are reminded to take note of their re-enrollment due date with CMAP. Failure to complete and submit their re-enrollment application in enough time to allow for review by DSS by **the re-enrollment due date** will cause the hospital to be dis-enrolled on the re-enrollment due date.

Dis-enrollment will impact claims processing and the hospitals' ability to verify eligibility until the re-enrollment has been completed.

The following hospitals have re-enrollment due dates coming up in the next 6 months:

- The Connecticut Hospice, Inc - Inpatient - 1/31/24
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital - Outpatient - 2/22/24
- UCONN Health Ancillary Services - Outpatient - 2/22/24
- Windham Community Memorial Hospital - Inpatient - 3/25/24
- Greenwich Hospital - Inpatient - 4/11/24
- Bridgeport Hospital - Inpatient - 6/26/24
- Bridgeport Hospital - Outpatient - 6/26/24

Reminders/Upcoming Changes

Reminder: The Add back tab contains codes that are not payable on CMS Addendum B and internal Gainwell Technologies configuration reminders.

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Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule for Organ Acquisition Cost

Hospitals are reminded that the Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule for Organ Acquisition Cost can be found on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site under Provider > Provider Fee Schedule Download. Once on that page, select I Accept and scroll down to select the Hospital DRG Organ Acquisition pdf file.

The following chart is effective for 7/1/2023.

[ctxixhosppay Email Box](#)

As a reminder, hospitals should direct their inquiries to the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440. If hospitals are experiencing extended call wait times, hospitals may email the provider assistance call center with their question at ctdssmap-provideremail@gainwelltechnologies.com. Please be sure to include your name and phone number with your inquiry.

The ctxixhosppay@gainwelltechnologies.com email box should only be used to submit APC and DRG related questions. All other inquiries will be re-directed to the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440.

Holiday Closures

Please be advised, that the Department of Social Services (DSS)' and Gainwell Technologies' offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday; the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Gainwell Technologies will re-open on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

The Department of Social Services (DSS)' office will be closed on Monday, February 12, 2024 in observance of the Lincolns' Birthday Holiday; the Department of Social Services (DSS) will re-open on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Both the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Gainwell Technologies' offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day Holiday; the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Gainwell Technologies will re-open on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.