Hospital Monthly Important Message Updated as of 10/17/23

*All red text is new for 10/17/23

CMAP Addendum B October 2023

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is in the process of updating the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Addendum B to incorporate the 2023 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions, and description changes) for dates of service October 1, 2023 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 V24.2 was posted to the Hospital Modernization page on the <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> Web site.

Payment rate changes for procedure codes assigned a status indicator G or K were updated and loaded into the system on September 28, 2023 with an effective date for dates of service October 1, 2023 and forward.

Changed or deleted procedure codes will be implemented on October 25, 2023. Any new procedure codes will be implemented at a future date. Providers will be notified if any new codes are implemented.

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."

Addendum B UPDATE: There were 25 DME codes that were updated and made payable on CMAP Addendum B with an effective date of 9/1/2023. The change column for these new codes will have an "X". Reimbursement for the updated procedure codes is based on the current fee listed on the applicable MEDS/DME fee schedule. Hospitals must continue to follow the CMAP Addendum B for coverage and reimbursement of all outpatient hospital services.

Accessing the Fee Schedule: The fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open". Select the MEDS - DME schedule.

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 2023-61 Veyo Transition to MTM



The Department of Social Services (DSS) nonemergency medical transportation vendor Veyo was acquired by Medical Transportation Management (MTM). Effective September 1, 2023, the company name was officially transitioned from Veyo to MTM. The phone number has not changed for NEMT services only the Web site has changed. The new Web site address is: <u>Connecticut Medical Facilities</u> - MTM, Inc. (mtm-inc.net).

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin <u>2023-62</u> October 2023 Quarterly HIPAA Compliant Update - Physician Office and Outpatient and Clinic and Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2023, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is incorporating the October 2023 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions, and description changes) to the physician office and outpatient and the clinic and outpatient hospital behavioral health fee schedules.

DSS is making these changes to ensure that the applicable fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The changes apply to services reimbursed under the HUSKY Health programs (A, B, C, and D).

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin 2023-64 New Hepatitis C Policy

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of an upcoming change that is effective 11/01/2023. The Department of Social Services (DSS) is changing its prior authorization policy for Hepatitis C (Hep C) medications.

Effective 11/01/2023, clients beginning new therapy on Hep C medications will no longer require a medically necessary prior authorization. Clients are expected to complete their Hepatitis C therapy as prescribed by their practitioner. A new edit has been developed to set if the duration of therapy has been exceeded for a Hep C drug or if noncompliance is detected.

Please refer to the provider bulletin for additional information

Provider Bulletin <u>2023-65</u> 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

Important Messages

Reimbursement for Medical Equipment Devices and Supplies (MEDS) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) for Outpatient Hospitals and Outpatient Chronic Disease Hospitals

DME Reimbursement Outpatient Hospitals and CDH

Procedures for Updating Client Third Party Liability Information. NEW HMS Phone Number: 1-866-252-0671 (Posted 6/7/23)

Third Party Liability Update Information



TPL Audit Report - September 2023

The Third-Party Liability (TPL) Audit reports were sent to the following hospitals on October 1, 2023.

- BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL
- SVMC HOLDINGS, INC
- THE HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
- UCONN HEALTH ANCILLARY SERVICES
- VASSAR HALTH CONNECTICUT INC
- WINDHAM COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

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 <u>the</u> <u>re-enrollment due date</u> 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 reenrollment has been completed.

The following hospitals have re-enrollment due dates coming up in the near future:

- Hartford Hospital Inpatient 10/23/23
- Connecticut Childrens Medical Center Outpatient 12/3/23
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital Inpatient 12/17/23
- Hartford Hospital Outpatient 12/19/23
- Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital Inc Chronic Disease 12/31/23
- The Connecticut Hospice, Inc Inpatient 1/31/24
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital Outpatient 2/22/24
- UCONN Health Ancillary Services Outpatient 2/22/24
- Bristol Hospital Inc Inpatient 3/6/24
- Windham Community Memorial Hospital Inpatient 3/25/24
- Greenwich Hospital Inpatient 4/11/24

Reminders/Upcoming Changes

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 <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> 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.



Organ Acquisition Chart - SFY 2024		
Organ	In-State	Out Of State
Kidney	\$87,107	\$87,107
Heart	\$162,517	\$162,517
Liver	\$139,351	\$139,351
Pancreas	See Below	See Below
Lung	See Below	See Below
Payment will be the lower of charges or		
state wide average.		
For lung or pancreas acquisition, must		
submit most recent Medicare cost report		
submitted to CMS.		

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 <u>ctdssmap-provideremail@gainwelltechnologies.com</u>. Please be sure to include your name and phone number with your inquiry.

The <u>ctxixhosppay@gainwelltechnologies.com</u> 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 DSS and Gainwell Technologies will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday. DSS & Gainwell Technologies will re-open on Monday, November 13, 2023.

