

# interChange Provider Important Message

## Hospital Monthly Important Message Updated as of **12/19/23**

*\*All red text is new for 12/19/23*

### CMAP Addendum B October 2023

The Department of Social Services ((DSS) updated 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 [www.ctdssmap.com](http://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 September 28, 2023 with an effective date for dates of service October 1, 2023 and forward.**

Changed or deleted procedure codes were implemented on October 25, 2023.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. DRG Weights, average length of stays and outlier thresholds for the new version will all have an effective date of January 1, 2024.*

*A provider bulletin will be distributed in December 2023 reminding hospitals of the annual update to the inpatient hospital adjustment factors and the APR-DRG weights, effective January 1, 2024. Once the DRG calculator has been updated and posted to the [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) Web site with that most current information, additional provider notification will be distributed.*

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

*Hospitals are reminded that they will receive their annual rates/parameters letter for the Outpatient Payment Prospective System (OPPS) in December.*

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## 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 [2023-76](#)

#### 1) January 1, 2024 Changes to the Connecticut Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL):

The Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee has modified the list of preferred prescription products. The Committee has determined these preferred products as efficacious, safe, and cost-effective choices when prescribing for HUSKY A, HUSKY C, HUSKY D, Tuberculosis (TB), Emergency Medicaid Dialysis Service (EMDS), and Family Planning (FAMPL) clients.

#### 2) Reminder about the 5-day Emergency Supply:

In addition to the one-time 14-day temporary supply, DSS also allows for a 5-day emergency supply of a medication that requires PA for non-PDL or Brand Medically Necessary (BMN). If the pharmacist or prescriber is unable to obtain a PA and the client requires the medication after the one-time 14-day override has been used, the pharmacist may call the Pharmacy Prior Authorization Assistance Call Center, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 1-866-409-8386 to request a one-time 5-day emergency supply of the medication.

#### 3) Billing Clarification for Brand Name Medications on the Preferred Drug List (PDL):

This serves to provide clarification on billing requirements for a pharmacy when a brand name medication, which is identified as a preferred product on the Connecticut Medicaid PDL, is dispensed.

#### 4) Pharmacy Web PA Tool:

Actively enrolled prescribing providers and clerks affiliated to the prescriber can utilize the Pharmacy Web PA feature to:

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](#)

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## TPL Audit Report - November 2023

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

- HEBREW HOME AND HOSPITAL, INC
- HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL CARE
- THE DANBURY 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 **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 near future:

- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital - Inpatient - 12/17/23
- 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 [www.ctdssmap.com](http://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.

| 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    |
|  |           |              |
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| Payment will be the lower of charges or state wide average.                                      |           |              |
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| For lung or pancreas acquisition, must submit most recent Medicare cost report submitted to CMS. |           |              |

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## 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](mailto:ctdssmap-provideremail@gainwelltechnologies.com). Please be sure to include your name and phone number with your inquiry.

The [ctxixhosppay@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto: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, December 25, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Day Holiday; the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Gainwell Technologies will re-open on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Both the Department of Social Services (DSS)' and Gainwell Technologies' offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday; the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Gainwell Technologies will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.