interChange Provider Important Message

To: Home Health Agencies, Occupational Therapist Groups, and Individual Occupational Therapists

REMINDER: Opportunity for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) to take part in new services: COPE and CAPABLE

Note: Individual OTs, including OTs who otherwise bill through an OT Group, can potentially participate if under contract with HHAs.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is implementing two evidence-based models called Care of Older People in their Environment (COPE) and Community Aging in Place-Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE). For providers who enroll with Connecticut Medicaid to provide COPE and/or CAPABLE, initial licensure and/or certification & training fees will be covered under American Rescue Plan (ARP) 9817. Do not miss this great opportunity to become a COPE and/or CAPABLE provider!

COPE is Drexel University's evidence-based model in which a Registered Nurse (RN) and OT provide a set of supports and training to the informal caregivers of people with cognition impairment to better understand a participant's health condition and dementia. Also, the model aims to improve informal caregivers' confidence and care skills.

CAPABLE is Johns Hopkins University's evidence-based model in which a team consisting of a RN, OT, and handy worker operate together with participants to improve both function and safety of the home environment.

DSS will host Provider Forums, two sessions each for COPE and CAPABLE, as listed below. We encourage you to attend these meetings and to learn more about becoming a COPE and/or CAPABLE provider.

COPE Provider Forums	CAPABLE Provider Forums
Jan 11, 2024 (Thu) 11:00-12:30pm Please register at this link https://form.jotform.com/23333481179 2053	Jan 8, 2024 (Mon) 1:00-2:30pm Please register at this link https://form.jotform.com/233334360189052

A provider bulletin will be forthcoming detailing more information. Please continue to monitor the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site at www.ctdssmap.com for more information.

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