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**TO: Hospice Providers**

**RE: Hospice Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2018**

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Effective October 1, 2017, rates for hospice services have been adjusted to be consistent with Section 1902(a) (13)(B) of the Social Security Act. The new rates can be found on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From the Home page, select "Provider", "Provider Fee Schedule Download", click on "I Accept", then "Hospice". To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

In accordance with section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act, the amended act requires that the market basket update be reduced by two (2) percentage points for any hospice provider that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements. Reimbursement rates based on the reduced market basket update will affect payments for dates of service October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Hospice providers that have been designated as "non-compliant" with the federal reporting requirements will be notified by a letter from the Department. This letter will also provide more information about the rate mass adjustment, including when it is scheduled to occur.

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