TO: **All Providers**

RE: **CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 28: Emergency Medicaid for Non-Citizens**

In light of the public health emergency, the Department of Social Services (DSS) wishes to remind providers that Connecticut residents who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status are eligible to receive Medicaid to treat an emergency medical condition, and that emergency Medicaid is not a factor in immigration "public charge" determinations.

DSS has determined that assessment of COVID-19 (coronavirus), including testing and testing-related services, as well as hospital treatment of COVID-19 constitute "emergency medical conditions" that will qualify for coverage under emergency Medicaid. DSS bases this interpretation on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the current uncertainty surrounding the clinical severity and risk of mortality for any given individual who may have been exposed to the virus.

Hospitals should continue to follow the current process for submission of claims for emergency medical conditions, taking into consideration the foregoing guidance. DSS is developing guidance for non-hospital providers who may be providing testing and other COVID-19 related treatment to non-citizens. A bulletin with additional information will be sent out in the near future.

Providers should maintain fiscal records to identify services provided to uninsured patients for assessment and treatment of COVID-19 to help maximize Medicaid reimbursement.

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