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TO: Independent Laboratories, General Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives, Podiatrists, Optometrists, and Physician Assistants

RE: January 2026 Quarterly HIPAA Compliant Update – Laboratory Fee Schedule

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2026, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is incorporating the January 2026 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions, and description changes) to the Laboratory fee schedule. DSS is making these changes to ensure that the Laboratory fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Providers should continue to refer to the Laboratory fee schedule for prior authorization and reimbursement information. The changes apply to services reimbursed under the HUSKY Health programs (A, B, C, and D).

Please Note: the rates posted to the Laboratory fee schedule were set at the current CMAP lab reimbursement methodology (70% of Medicare) using the Medicare “CY 2026 Final Payment Determinations” file for Clinical Laboratory Services. Pending the publication of the Medicare 2026 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, DSS will review for any necessary updates and revise the rates.

OUTPATIENT HOSPITALS:

As a reminder, outpatient hospitals must continue to follow the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Addendum B for coverage and payment of all outpatient hospital services.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated Laboratory fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to “Provider”, then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”, scroll to the bottom of the page click on “I Accept”, then to the “Lab” fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select “Open”.

Accessing CMAP Addendum B:

CMAP’s Addendum B can be accessed via the www.ctdssmap.com Web site by selecting the “Hospital Modernization” Web page. CMAP’s Addendum B (Excel) is located under “Important Messages – Connecticut Hospital Modernization”.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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