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TO: Independent Audiologists and Speech and Language Pathologists

RE: 2016 Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology Fee Schedule

HIPAA Compliant Update

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2016 and forward, the Department of Social Services is incorporating the 2016 HCPCS changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to its independent audiology and speech and language pathology fee schedule.

Effective January 1, 2016, CPT code 92543 – "Caloric vestibular test" is being removed from the independent audiology and speech and language pathology fee schedule. It will be replaced with the following CPT codes:

| CPT | Description Summary | Fee |
|-------|---|---------|
| Code | | |
| 92537 | Caloric vestibular test; bithermal | \$25.20 |
| 92538 | Caloric vestibular test; monothermal | \$12.84 |

The Department is making these changes to ensure that the independent audiology and speech and language pathology fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The changes apply to services reimbursed under all the HUSKY Health programs.

Revising Pricing Methodology of Technical and Professional Components of CPT codes for Audiology

Additionally, the Department is revising the pricing methodology for the technical (Modifier - TC) and professional (Modifier - 26) components of the CPT codes listed on the independent audiology and speech and language pathology (SLP) fee schedule. This revision is being made to ensure that the

pricing methodology for this fee schedule is consistent with Medicaid enrolled physicians and independent therapists. The adjusted reimbursement fees will be based on 57.5% of the Medicare Physician fee schedule.

Accessing the Fee Schedules:

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the "Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology" fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program 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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