

## TO: Pharmacies, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dental Providers, Physician Assistants, Optometrists, Podiatrists, Long Term Care Providers, Clinics, Hospitals RE: Additional Expansion of Coverage For Over The Counter (OTC) Products

Effective December 1, 2015, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will expand coverage of reimbursable Over-the-Counter (OTC) formulary medications for individuals 21 years of age and older.

Coverage of OTC medications will be expanded to include <u>select</u> drugs published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. Beginning December 1, 2015, the list can be accessed by clicking on Pharmacy Information  $\rightarrow$  Pharmacy Program Publications  $\rightarrow$  OTC Expansion Coverage List.

Individuals under the age of 21 will continue to have coverage for medications included in the therapeutic classes identified in the OTC Formulary. To identify which therapeutic classes are included in the OTC formulary, please refer to Chapter 8.9 of the Pharmacy Provider Manual. From the Home page, go to Information  $\rightarrow$  Publications, scroll down to the Provider Manual Chapter 8, select Pharmacy from the dropdown menu, and click View Chapter 8.