



**TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, Medical Clinics**  
**RE: Urgent Care Clinics – Licensure and Provider Enrollment**

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The Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be making updates concerning the licensing, enrollment and reimbursement of entities that operate as an Urgent Care Clinic (UCC), pursuant to Public Act (PA) 18-149 “An Act Concerning Outpatient Clinics, Urgent Care Centers, and Freestanding Emergency Departments” which went into effect October 1, 2018.

PA 18-149 defines an UCC and enables UCCs to be licensed separately by DPH. PA 18-149 defines an UCC as:

*A facility, distinguished from an emergency department or primary care setting that is licensed as an outpatient clinic under section 19a-491 and that (A) provides urgent care services, as defined in 42 CFR 405.400, (B) offers such services without requiring an appointment, (C) provides services during times of day, weekends or holidays when primary care provider offices are not customarily open to patients and (D) offers, at a minimum, the following: (i) diagnostic imaging, (ii) administration of fluids intravenously, and (iii) ability to employ minimal resuscitative methods.*

### **Upcoming Changes**

DPH is actively working to review applications for licensure of providers that meet the criteria to operate as an UCC. Providers that meet the criteria as an UCC will need to obtain a license from DPH as an UCC and will then need to have their enrollment updated with DSS. **DSS will provide further guidance regarding**

**enrollment instructions in the future. No action is required at this time.**

DSS is in the process of developing a new enrollment provider category, new regulations and reimbursement rates for UCCs. DSS will notify providers in advance of any changes.

For further information regarding licensure, please contact:

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