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TO: Medical Equipment, Devices and Supplies (MEDS) Providers

RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 40: Temporary Rate Increase for Non-Sterile Gloves

Effective for dates of service September 1, 2020 and continuing through 90 days after the termination of the state or federal Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency (PHE) declarations, as extended, whichever is later, the Department of Social Services will revise the medical surgical supplies fee schedule to increase the rate for non-sterile gloves. This increase is in direct response to address access to care issues, which have escalated during this pandemic. Specifically, the Department will temporarily increase reimbursement of non-sterile gloves as follows:

Code	New Quantity per month	New Reimbursement per box
A4927 – Gloves, non-sterile, per 100	3 boxes	\$8.00

In addition, effective for dates of service from September 1, 2020 forward, the Department will reduce the quantities from 4 boxes per month to 3 boxes per month.

Non-sterile gloves are covered in order to prevent an individual from coming into contact with bodily fluids (e.g., during wound care, incontinence care, applying an ostomy or colostomy, tube feedings, etc.). Non-sterile gloves are **not** classified as personal protection equipment (PPE) against COVID-19 or in any other contexts in which sterile gloves are necessary. Non-sterile gloves are not covered for any use for which they are not intended.

The Department will issue a subsequent provider bulletin notifying providers when the temporary rate increase is set to expire. For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules 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.

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 appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select “Open”.

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