



**TO: Pharmacy Providers, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Clinics,
Long Term Care Providers and Hospitals**

RE: Upcoming Changes to Pharmacy Claims for Diabetic Supplies

REVISED October 19, 2020

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of upcoming changes to the coverage of diabetic supplies for HUSKY A, HUSKY C and HUSKY D clients age 21 or older and the addition of diabetic classes to a Medicaid Preferred Product List for all age groups.

Currently, the Department of Social Services (DSS) pays for diabetic testing supplies via pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) when the client is less than 21 years of age. These supplies are not subject to the existing Preferred Drug List (PDL).

Effective November 4, 2020, diabetic supplies such as diabetic meters, test strips and lancets, as well as additional ancillary items, will be added to the Medicaid Preferred Product List and will be covered as part of the pharmacy benefit for HUSKY A, C and D members ages 21 and older. Pharmacy claims submitted for clients under the age of 21 for HUSKY A, C and D will also be subject to the Medicaid Preferred Product List. The full list of preferred supplies will be published prior to the implementation date in a separate Diabetic Supplies Preferred Product List document under the Pharmacy section of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (www.ctdssmap.com) Web site.

Pharmacy providers are asked to transition the billing of diabetic supplies to POS and discontinue the billing of any remaining refills as Professional DME claims in the ASC X12N 837P format.

As a reminder, prior authorization (PA) is required when any new or refill prescription is filled for a non-preferred product for the first time.

Prescribers may submit their PA requests via the Pharmacy Web PA feature on the www.ctdssmap.com secure Web portal. For more information, please access [Provider Bulletin 19-70](#), Pharmacy Web Prior Authorization.

Please note that diabetic supplies will continue to be a covered service under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit. Pharmacy providers submitting claims for dual eligible beneficiaries for Medicare Part B covered medications or supplies will continue to follow the billing guidelines published in [Provider Bulletin 2020-01](#).

Prescribing providers will be able to review the list of preferred items on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site prior to the implementation. From the Home page, go to Pharmacy Information → Preferred Drug List Information → [Diabetic Supplies Preferred Product List](#).