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Effective Date: January 1, 2021
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TO: Behavioral Health Clinics

RE: Quarterly Update: January 2021 HIPAA Compliant Updates to the Behavioral Health Fee Schedule

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2021 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will incorporate the January 2021 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Health Care Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to the Clinic – Clinic and Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health fee schedule. DSS is making these changes to ensure that the Clinic – Clinic and Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). These changes change apply to all HUSKY Health programs (HUSKY A, B, C and D).

Per the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT guidance, effective for dates of service January 1, 2021 and forward, Office or Other Outpatient Service - Evaluation and Management (E/M) procedure code 99201 – Office or other outpatient visit is being replaced with procedure code 99202 – Office or other outpatient visit, 15-29 minutes.

2021 Evaluation and Management Service Updates:

Providers should pay attention to the description changes included in the 2021 update when selecting the appropriate evaluation and management service in the 99202 – 99215 series. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code book includes comprehensive guidance for providers to use when selecting the most appropriate service and providers should continue to utilize this guidance in addition to guidance included in this provider bulletin or subsequent bulletins.

Accessing the Fee Schedules:

The updated fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) 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". An Important Message (IM) will be posted and distributed to all providers once the fee schedule has been updated.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the CMAP 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.

Posting Instructions: Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com.

Distribution: This policy transmittal is being distributed to providers of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program by Gainwell Technology.

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