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

RE: 1) 4th Quarter 2021 HIPAA Update – Changes to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Fee Schedule 2) Establish Max Fee for Non-Sterile Gloves

Effective for dates of service November 1, 2021 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will (1) incorporate the 4th quarter 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fee schedule, and (2) remove the current end-date on the \$8.00 max fee for non-sterile gloves. These changes apply to services billed for HUSKY Health A, B, C and D programs.

1. HIPAA Compliant Update – DME Fee Schedule

Effective November 1, 2021, the following procedure codes will be **added** to the DME fee schedule.

| Added Code | Description | Established Fee and Quantities |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| A4453 | Rectal catheter for use with manual pump-operated enema system, replacement only | * Manually priced 2 per month |
| K1021 | Exsufflation belt, includes all supplies and accessories | * Manually priced 1 per year |
| K1022 | Addition to lower extremity prosthesis, endoskeletal, knee disarticulation, above knee, hip disarticulation, positional rotation unit, any type | * Manually priced 2 per 3 years |

| Added Code | Description | Established Fee and Quantities |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| S9432 | Medical food non-inborn error of metabolism | * Manually priced 1 per month |

** Manually priced codes are reimbursed at the lesser of MSRP minus 15% or Actual Acquisition Cost plus 35%.*

2. Established Max Fee – Non-Sterile Gloves

As previously communicated in [PB 2020-66](#) “CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 40: Temporary Rate Increase for Non-Sterile Gloves,” DSS established a temporary fee for procedure code A4927 non-sterile gloves which was to be effective through 90 days after the termination of the state or federal Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency (PHE) declarations. After additional review, in order to help ensure continued access to non-sterile gloves, DSS has removed the end date on the current max fee of \$8.00 per box of non-sterile gloves (100 per box). This PB supersedes PB 2020-66.

Consistent with previous billing guidance issued, DSS will continue to allow 3 boxes of non-sterile gloves per month without prior authorization (PA). PA can be requested if quantities above 3 are medically necessary.

Please note: 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.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

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”.

Posting Instructions:

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

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