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TO: Freestanding Family Planning, Medical and Behavioral Health Clinics, Behavioral Health Clinicians, Outpatient Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Physician Assistants, Dentists and Pharmacy Providers

RE: Updated Guidelines for Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Agents, Counseling and Treatment Products for HUSKY B Members

Effective January 1, 2023, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is expanding coverage for smoking and tobacco use cessation agents, counseling and treatment products to **all** members enrolled under the HUSKY B program.

This provider bulletin supersedes guidance provided in [PB 2017-28](#) “*Updated Guidelines for Smoking Cessation Agents, Counseling and Treatment Products*”, pertaining to the coverage language related to “**HUSKY B**” members only. All other aspects of [PB 2017-28](#) remain in effect and should be used for guidance when billing for smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling and treatment products.

Smoking Cessation Treatment Products

Effective January 1, 2023, and forward, smoking and tobacco use cessation agents and treatment products will be covered for all HUSKY B members. Though the Preferred Drug List is applicable for HUSKY A, HUSKY C, HUSKY D, Tuberculosis (TB) and Family Planning (FAMPL) members, please also refer to the Connecticut Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) for covered smoking cessation products for Husky B members. The PDL can be found on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site. From the Home page, go to Pharmacy Information, Preferred Drug List Information, then to Current Medicaid Preferred Drug List.

Individual Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling

When billing for individual smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling codes (99406, 99407), claims will continue to require a nicotine dependency *primary* diagnosis code (i.e., F17.20- F17.299, Nicotine dependence). Effective January 1, 2023 and forward, the secondary diagnosis code related to tobacco use disorder, complicating pregnancy is **no** longer a requirement for payment for smoking cessation counseling for HUSKY B members.

Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling rendered in the outpatient hospital and federally qualified health center setting and during behavioral health visits must continue to follow the guidance outlined in [PB 2017-28](#) except for the discontinued requirement of the secondary diagnosis code for tobacco use disorder complicating pregnancy.

Dental Practitioners and Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling

For information regarding smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling in the dental setting, please refer to [PB 2014-71](#), “*Tobacco Cessation/New Screening Code and Program for Dental Hygienists*”.

Group Smoking Cessation Counseling

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2023, and forward, group smoking and tobacco use cessation is covered for all HUSKY B members. For more information regarding Group Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling, please refer to [PB 2015-37 "Tobacco Cessation Group Counseling Services"](#).

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

Fee schedules 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".

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

Posting Instructions:

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

Distribution:

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