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**TO: Medical Clinics and Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers**

**RE: 1. Quarterly Update: October 2022 HIPAA Compliant Changes to the Medical Clinic Fee Schedule 2. Billing Guidance for Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers – Monkeypox Testing and Vaccination**

**1. October 2022 HIPAA Compliant Update to the Medical Clinic Fee Schedule**

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2022, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is incorporating the October 2022 quarterly updates of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to the Medical Clinic fee schedule.

DSS is making these changes to ensure that the Medical Clinic fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). These changes apply to the HUSKY Health Programs A, B, C and D.

The following procedure codes will be added to the Medical Clinic fee schedule to be used for Monkeypox testing:

Code	Description	Rate
87593	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (dna or rna); orthopoxvirus (eg, monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus), amplified probe technique, each	\$33.51

In the absence of a published Medicare rate for 87593, DSS has set an interim rate reimbursed for a comparable lab service. Once Medicare sets a rate, the rate for 87593 will be updated to 100% of the Medicare rate during an

established public health emergency (PHE) period or active surveillance period for Monkeypox. Providers will not need to do anything, and claims will automatically be reprocessed. At the conclusion of the PHE or active surveillance period, DSS will reassess the reimbursement and update it according to the current medical clinic reimbursement methodology.

The following procedure codes will be added to the Medical Clinic fee schedule for Monkeypox vaccinations:

Code	Description	Rate
90611	Smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccinia virus, live, non-replicating, preservative free, 0.5 ml dosage, suspension, for subcutaneous use	MP
90622	Vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine, live, lyophilized, 0.3 ml dosage, for percutaneous use	MP

MP = Manually Priced

Please note that the procedure codes for monkeypox testing and vaccinations should only be billed to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) when they are commercially purchased. If testing and the vaccines are obtained free of charge or if only a sample is obtained for submission to a laboratory for processing, procedure codes

87593, 90611 and 90622 should **not** be billed to CMAP.

Please note that at this time the Monkeypox vaccines (procedure codes 90611 and 90622) are only being supplied to medical providers by the CT Department of Public Health (CTDPH). Providers must visit the CTDPH Website ([CT Monkeypox](#)) for additional guidance regarding administration of Monkeypox vaccines.

Currently, there is not a valid separate vaccine administration procedure code available for the monkeypox vaccination. Providers cannot use any of the existing vaccine administration procedure codes on the medical clinic fee schedule to bill for the administration of the monkeypox vaccine. When the Monkeypox vaccine is provided as part of an evaluation and management service, the reimbursement for the evaluation and management service includes reimbursement for the administration of the Monkeypox vaccine.

## **2. Billing Guidance Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers – Monkeypox Testing and Vaccination**

Consistent with CMAP current billing requirements, medical FQHCs are required to list the procedure code for the diagnostic testing or for the specific monkeypox vaccination administered to the HUSKY Health member on their encounter form (CMS 1500) along with procedure code T1015-Clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive for informational purposes.

There will be no separate reimbursement for the diagnostic testing, vaccine administration, or the actual monkeypox vaccine product from the encounter rate paid to the FQHC.

Additionally, there is not a valid separate vaccine administration procedure code available for the monkeypox vaccination. Providers cannot use any of the existing

vaccine administration procedure codes on current CMAP fee schedules to bill for the administration of the monkeypox vaccine. When the monkeypox vaccine is provided as part of an evaluation and management service, the reimbursement for the evaluation and management service includes reimbursement for the administration of the monkeypox vaccine.

### **Future Guidance**

Providers must continue to monitor the CMAP Web site ([www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com)) for additional guidance related to diagnostic testing and vaccinations for the monkeypox virus. Further, providers are responsible for monitoring and complying with all applicable CT DPH requirements and guidance, which are subject to change at any time.

### **Accessing the Fee Schedule**

The updated fee schedule for Medical Clinics can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this Web page, go to “Provider”, then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “I Accept”, then select the applicable 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 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](http://www.ctdssmap.com).

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