



**TO: Pharmacy Providers**

**RE: Medicare Part D Co-pays for Dual Eligible HUSKY Low Income Subsidy Clients**

The co-payment threshold for Low Income Subsidy/Full Benefit Dual Eligible individuals is changing for Calendar Year 2023. Currently, the co-pay for generic drugs is \$3.95 and the co-pay for all other drugs is \$9.85. **For dates of service January 1, 2023 and forward**, the co-pay for generic drugs will be \$4.15 and, for all other drugs, the co-pay will be \$10.35.

Clients covered under a HUSKY Benefit Plan will continue to be responsible for the first seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per month of their Medicare Part D co-pays. For a pharmacy or compound claim billed with Other Coverage Code of 8 and a Carrier Code of MDD (Medicare D co-pay-only claim), a co-pay will be applied until \$17.00 has been charged to the patient.

All Medicare Part D primary claims for clients who have Medicaid as a secondary payer must be submitted to Gainwell Technologies for claims processing. This will allow the Department of Social Services (DSS) to track a client's \$17.00 monthly co-pay responsibility. Submitting **all Medicare Part D** claims will allow the client's co-pays to systematically accrue to include prescriptions processed by another pharmacy or the reversal of a previously paid claim. The pharmacy should not try to tally the client's co-pays on their own or charge a client their Medicare Part D co-pay without submitting the claim to Gainwell Technologies first, as either practice may cause the client to pay more than the maximum of \$17.00 per calendar month.

Beginning January 1, 2023, Dual Eligible clients should never be billed a co-pay greater than \$10.35 by their Medicare Part D

Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) for a formulary drug.

To prevent the inappropriate use of the co-pay only transaction, the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) will not allow a co-pay greater than \$10.35 to be billed on or after January 1, 2023. These claims will deny and return the following message back to the pharmacy: **"Co-pay only claim greater than \$10.35 not allowed"**. If a claim is returned from the PDP with a co-pay of greater than \$10.35, **this issue must be resolved with the PDP.**