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TO: Independent Laboratories, General Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Physician Assistants

RE: COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Coverage

Effective for dates of service May 12, 2023 and forward the Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue to provide reimbursement for COVID-19 laboratory testing codes as specified on the Independent Laboratory fee schedule.

All COVID-19 laboratory testing codes will continue to be priced at 100% of the applicable Medicare rate through the end of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) period which ends on September 30, 2024.

At the end of the ARPA period, Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) will reprice the COVID-19 laboratory codes to 70% of the Medicare rate to remain consistent with CMAP's current payment methodology for independent laboratories.

As a reminder, as specified in Section 17b-262-649 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies concerning Independent Laboratory Requirements for Payment of Independent Laboratory Services, payment shall be made at the lowest of (1) the providers usual and customary charge to the general public; (2) the lowest Medicare rate; (3) the amount in the applicable fee schedule as published by the Department; (4) the amount billed by the provider; or **(5) the lowest price charged or accepted for the same or substantially similar goods or services by the provider from any person or entity.**

Outpatient Hospitals:

Outpatient Hospitals should continue to follow CMAP Addendum B for coverage and payment of all outpatient hospital services.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

Fee schedules can be downloaded by accessing the (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 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.

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