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TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives, Medical Clinics, Family Planning Clinics, Dialysis Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Outpatient Hospitals, Hospice Agencies, Home Health Agencies, Dentists, and Pharmacy Providers

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Guidance

Effective for dates of service on and after **May 12, 2023**, which is the first day after the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration ends, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue to reimburse for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines that are either granted full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval or for vaccines that are granted or continue to operate under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA status). This coverage applies for dates of service May 12, 2023, and forward for individuals covered under HUSKY Health A, B, C, D, Tuberculosis Limited Benefit (TB)* and Family Planning Limited Benefit (FAMPL)*.

**Coverage for COVID-19 vaccine administration will continue for members covered under the TB and FAMPL programs for dates of service May 12, 2023, through September 30, 2024.*

Eligible Providers

Effective for dates of May 12, 2023, and forward, DSS will continue to reimburse eligible physicians, APRNs, CNMs, PAs, Medical Clinics, Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospice, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Hospitals, Family Planning, Dialysis Clinics, Dentists and Pharmacy Point of Sale providers for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Reimbursement and Claims Submission

Effective for dates of service May 12, 2023, and through September 30, 2024, DSS will continue to reimburse eligible providers for COVID-19 vaccine administration at 100% of the Medicare rate for HUSKY Health A, B, C, D, TB and FAMPL programs. For dates of service October 1, 2024, and forward, DSS will reassess the reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration and may update according to the current policy and reimbursement methodologies for each applicable provider category. Providers will be notified in writing prior to any change.

Providers eligible to administer the COVID-19 vaccine must continue to refer to their applicable fee schedules and payment methodology for reimbursement. All eligible providers can refer to the list of COVID-19 vaccines, at the end of this PB, currently eligible for reimbursement. If additional vaccines are approved or granted EUA status and thus eligible for reimbursement, providers will be notified accordingly.

Medical and Dental **Federally Qualified Health Centers** (FQHCs) will continue to be eligible for reimbursement at the FQHC's current encounter rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration. As a reminder, the FQHC must ensure that all eligible providers (including dentists), that will administer the COVID-19 vaccine are associated with the applicable FQHC provider enrollment identification

number. When a COVID-19 vaccination requires multiple doses, each vaccine administration performed by the FQHC on a particular date of service is eligible for reimbursement at the FQHC's current encounter rate for each date of service (which, in accordance with standard policy, also includes reimbursement for any other services that are provided on the same date of service).

Reimbursement to **Outpatient Hospitals** that have registered with the CT DPH to administer the COVID-19 vaccine will be based on the reimbursement for each specified vaccine administration procedure code as set forth in CMAP Addendum B. Reimbursement for outpatient hospital services will continue to follow the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) / Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) methodology. Please note that when the vaccine administration is provided in the outpatient hospital setting and the outpatient hospital bills for the administration, there will be no separate reimbursement for professional services.

Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) providers submitting pharmacy POS claims for administration reimbursement should submit claims with the appropriate NCPDP Submission Clarification Code (SCC) (420-DK).

- SCC of 2 "Other Override" - defined as, "Used when authorized by the payer in business cases not currently addressed by other SCC values," to indicate the first dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered.
- SCC of 6 "Starter Dose" - defined as, "The pharmacist is indicating that the previous medication was a starter dose and now additional medication is needed to continue treatment," to indicate the final/second dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered.

- SCC 10 "Meets Plan Limitations" defined as "Booster dose for population with waning immunity."

HUSKY B Cost Share Requirements

As reminder providers are prohibited from collecting cost share for preventive services under HUSKY B, which includes vaccinations.

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Guidance

HUSKY Health (A, C, D, TB, and FAMPL) members that have a scheduled vaccine appointment can receive an NEMT ride (bus or livery service) to and from their COVID-19 vaccine appointment through Veyo. For livery service, 48 hours' notice and for bus passes 5 business days' notice in advance of the medical appointment is required. Veyo will provide pick-up and drop-off service only. For additional information or to schedule transportation, please contact Veyo at 1-855-478-7350. Providers with access to RideView can directly book rides for members for vaccine appointments. Please note that NEMT is not available to individuals covered under the HUSKY B Program.

Accessing Fee Schedules

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and 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, click the CSV link, then select "Open file".

Accessing CMAP Addendum B (Outpatient Hospitals)

CMAP's Addendum B for outpatient hospital services can be accessed via the www.ctdssmap.com Web site by selecting the "Hospital Modernization" Web page. CMAP's Addendum B (Excel) is located under

“Important Messages – Connecticut Hospital Modernization”.

Questions: For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules 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:

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The following COVID vaccine administration codes are currently payable under CMAP consistent with the applicable FDA guidance and effective dates.

Code	Effective Date	End Date
0001A	12/11/2020	12/31/2299
0002A	12/11/2020	12/31/2299
0003A	8/12/2021	12/31/2299
0004A	9/22/2021	12/31/2299
0011A	12/18/2020	12/31/2299
0012A	12/18/2020	12/31/2299
0013A	8/12/2021	12/31/2299
0031A	02/27/2021	12/31/2299
0034A	10/20/2021	12/31/2299
0041A	7/13/2022	12/31/2299
0042A	7/13/2022	12/31/2299
0044A	10/19/2022	12/31/2299
0051A	1/3/2022	12/31/2299
0052A	1/3/2022	12/31/2299
0053A	1/3/2022	12/31/2299
0054A	1/3/2022	12/31/2299
0064A	10/20/2021	12/31/2299
0071A	10/29/2021	12/31/2299
0072A	10/29/2021	12/31/2299
0073A	1/3/2022	12/31/2299
0074A	5/17/2022	12/31/2299
0081A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0082A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0083A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0091A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0092A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0093A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299

0094A	3/29/2022	12/31/2299
0111A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0112A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0113A	6/17/2022	12/31/2299
0124A	8/31/2022	12/31/2299
0134A	8/31/2022	12/31/2299
0144A	10/12/2022	12/31/2299
0154A	10/12/2022	12/31/2299
0164A	12/8/2022	12/31/2299
0173A	12/8/2022	12/31/2299