TO: All Providers  
RE: Sunsetting Provider Bulletins Issued in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency - UPDATED

Effective for dates of service on or 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) is sunsetting the below list of COVID-19 Response provider bulletins (PBs) and the COVID-19 Information and FAQs issued during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). Effective for dates of service on or after November 12, 2023, three Home and Community Based Waiver Program provider bulletins that were issued in response to the COVID-19 PHE will be sunset. The three bulletins are listed near the end of the bulletin. This update applies to services rendered under HUSKY A, B, C, D and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

DSS will be issuing updated guidance related to telehealth and other policies where applicable. The updated guidance will take precedence over any COVID-19 policies that were published in response to the PHE.

The following PBs will be end dated for all providers effective for dates of service May 12, 2023, and forward:

- **PB 2020-10** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 1: Emergency Temporary Telemedicine Coverage
- **PB 2020-12** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 2: Laboratory Testing Coverage
- **PB 2020-23** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 8: Emergency Temporary Telemedicine Coverage for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy & Speech Therapy Services
- **PB 2020-26** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 11: Emergency School Based Child Health (SBCH) Program Changes
- **PB 2020-29** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 16: Emergency Durable Medical Equipment Changes Pertaining to Customized Wheelchairs
- **PB 2020-30** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 17: Temporary Changes to Claim Submission for Coagulation Factor Drugs

- **PB 2020-34** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 21: Select Added Services to the Emergency Temporary Telemedicine Coverage/Telephonic Coverage for Specified Home Health Services

- **PB 2020-37** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 24: Addition of Laboratory Procedure Codes to the Independent Laboratory Fee Schedule

- **PB 2020-38** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 26: Additional Changes to the Synchronized Telemedicine Program


- **PB 2020-45** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 29: Updated Guidance Regarding Audio-Only Telephone Services and Guidance Regarding the Use of Synchronized Telemedicine Services for Supervision of Resident Services


- **PB 2020-49** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 33: Addition of Laboratory Procedure Codes to Various Fee Schedules and Updating the Effective Date of Procedure Code U0001 and U002 Previously Added to the Consolidated Laboratory Fee Schedule


- **PB 2020-68** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 41: Temporary Flexibility of Face-to-Face Requirements for Home Health Evaluations/Assessments

- **PB 2020-80** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 45: Emergency SBCH Program Changes

• **PB 2020-85** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 43: Updates to the Temporary Telemedicine Coverage for Therapy Services Billed by Home Health Agencies/Access Agencies

• **PB 2020-87** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 44: Updated Telemedicine Guidance for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services

• **PB 2020-90** - CMAP COVID-19 Response - Bulletin 46: Clarifying Guidance for Expanded Use of Synchronized Telemedicine for Specified Behavioral Health Services Stated in PB 2020-14 and 2020-44


• **PB 2021-06** - CMAP COVID-19 Response - Bulletin 49: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – Provided by Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns and Pharmacy Technicians

• **PB 2021-12** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 50: Telemedicine Guidance for Respiratory Care Services


• **PB 2021-34** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 54: ADDITIONAL Services Covered under the “COVID-19 Testing Group”

• **PB 2021-63** – CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 55: ADDITIONAL DOSE COVID-19 Vaccine Administration for Individuals who are Immunocompromised

• **PB 2021-89** - CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 56: Booster Doses COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

• **PB 2021-91** - CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 57: Authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Pediatric Administration (ages 5-11 years)

• **PB 2022-12** - CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 58: COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling-Only for Pediatric Members


• **PB 2022-24** - CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 60: Administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Pre-Diluted Vaccine

• **PB 2022-60** - CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 61: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Additional Adult and Pediatric Booster Codes and Vaccinations for Members 6 Months to Four Years of Age

**MAY 2023 UPDATE**: The following PBs will be end dated for all providers effective for dates of service November 12, 2023, and forward:

• **PB 2020-27** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 12: Waiver of Certain Requirements and Temporary Procedural Changes for Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs
• **PB 2020-36** - CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 22: Meals on Wheels Changes

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