



**Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**  
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Effective Date: May 12, 2023  
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**TO: All Providers**

**RE: Discontinuation of the Optional COVID-19 Testing Group - Effective May 12, 2023**

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 **no longer** have federal authority to cover and reimburse for services under the optional Medicaid coverage group, "COVID-19 Testing Group."

The services that were previously covered and reimbursed for individuals for whom eligibility was verified as "*COVID-19 Limited Coverage*" will no longer be reimbursed. Effective for dates of service May 12, 2023, and forward, claims submitted for coverage under this group will deny.

DSS has sent multiple notifications to enrollees in the optional COVID-19 Testing Group to provide advance notice of the discontinuation of this limited benefit coverage. Notices included information to assist individuals with applying for other ongoing medical coverage by contacting Access Health CT (AHCT).

If your practice encounters an individual who is no longer covered under the COVID-19 Testing Group, please direct the individual to call AHCT at 1-855-805-4325 or visit their website at [www.accesshealthct.com](http://www.accesshealthct.com).

**Claims Submission**

Providers should continue to submit claims electronically to Gainwell Technologies for individuals eligible under the COVID-19 Testing Group for dates of service through May 11, 2023.

**Billing Questions**

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (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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**Responsible Units**

Questions Related to **Eligibility** - DSS Medical Eligibility Policy at [EligPolicy.DSS@ct.gov](mailto:EligPolicy.DSS@ct.gov)

Questions related to **Claims** for dates of service prior to May 12, 2023 – DSS, Division of Health Services, Medical Policy Section: Social Services Medical Administration Manager: Nina Holmes at [nina.holmes@ct.gov](mailto:nina.holmes@ct.gov)

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