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**TO: Medical Equipment, Devices, and Supplies (MEDS) Providers**

**RE: Reimbursement Update for Procedure Code A7048 Vacuum Drain Bottle/Tube Kit**

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Effective for dates of service, retroactive to February 1, 2026, and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is updating the reimbursement for procedure code A7048 - Vacuum drainage collection unit and tubing kit, including all supplies needed for collection unit change, for use with implanted catheter, each, which is located on the medical surgical supplies fee schedule. This supply code is designated for members requiring management of pleural effusions in the home setting.

DSS is making this update to address documented access to care issues. Providers should continue to refer to the fee schedule for prior authorization, quantities, and reimbursement information. This change applies to services reimbursed under the HUSKY Health (A, B, C and D) programs.

**Accessing the Fee Schedule**

The updated fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this Web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "I Accept," then select the applicable 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 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.

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