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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Room 2275
Boston, Massachusetts 02203



Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

January 2, 2013

Roderick Bremby, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Bremby:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 12-010, submitted to my office on March 30, 2012. This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to Connecticut's approved Title XIX State Plan Attachments 3.1A, 3.1B and 4.19B in order to revise the reimbursement methodology for other practitioner services.

The Department proposed to revise the fee schedule for optometrists, chiropractors, psychologists, naturopaths, and licensed behavioral health practitioners. These fees are based upon the physician fee schedule which will be recalculated based on reimbursement for the fee-for-service population and reimbursement for the population formerly covered under 1915(b) managed care waiver that terminated on December 31, 2011. Occupational therapist will be reimbursed according to the fee schedule for physical therapists, which will be amended to include two occupational therapy codes. In addition, DSS will add coverage of independent occupational therapists for individuals under 21 years of age.

This SPA has been approved effective January 1, 2012, as requested by the State.

Changes are reflected in the following sections of your approved State Plan:

- Addendum page 4d to Attachment 3.1A
- Addendum page 4d(i) to Attachment 3.1A
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If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Marie Montemagno (617) 565-9157 or by e-mail at Marie.Montemagno@cms.hss.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Kate McEvoy, Associate Director of Medical Administration - Health Services and Supports

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 12-010	2. STATE: CT
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: 01-01-2012	
5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT		

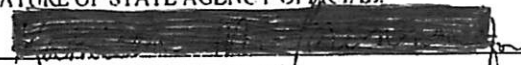
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6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1905(a)(6) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 440.60	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2012 \$ 6.2 million (costs) b. FFY 2013 \$ 9.3 million (costs)
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Addendum Page 9b to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B Attachment 4.19B Page 1(a)ii through 1(a)iv Attachment 4.19B Page 1c	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if applicable) Addendum Page 9b to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B Attachment 4.19B Page 1(a)ii through 1(a)iv Attachment 4.19B Page 1c

SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The Department intends to modify Attachments 3.1A, 3.1B and 4.19-B of the Connecticut Medicaid State Plan in order to revise the reimbursement methodology for order to revise the reimbursement methodology for other practitioner services. In particular the Department will revise the fee schedule for optometrists, chiropractors, psychologists, naturopaths, and licensed behavioral health practitioners. These fees are based upon the physician fee schedule which will be recalculated based on reimbursement for the fee-for-service population and reimbursement for the population formerly covered under the 1915(b) managed care waiver that terminates on December 31, 2011. Occupational therapists will be reimbursed according to the fee schedule for physical therapists, which will be amended to include two occupational therapy specific codes. In addition, DSS will add coverage of independent occupational therapists for individuals under 21 years of age. These change are expected to result in estimated federal costs of \$6.2 million in FFY12 and \$9.3 million in FFY13.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

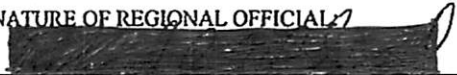
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12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: State of Connecticut Department of Social Services - 11 th floor 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106-5033 Attention: Ginny Mahoney
13. TYPED NAME: Roderick L. Bremby	
14. TITLE: Commissioner	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 30, 2012	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: March 30, 2012	18. DATE APPROVED: December 21, 2012
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2012	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Oper
23. REMARKS:	

State: CONNECTICUT

**AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED
CATEGORICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S): ALL**

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- i Physical therapists must meet the requirements of 42 CFR 440.110 and be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) after: (a) graduating from a school of physical therapy approved by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists with the consent of DPH and passing the physical therapist examination administered by DPH or (b) without taking the DPH examination, if the individual is already licensed in another state or territory, any province of Canada, or any other country, if DPH finds those requirements equivalent or higher than Connecticut's standards.**
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h. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Services

- i Clinical social workers must be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) (a) after (i) completing a doctorate or master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or a program outside the United States deemed equivalent by the Council on Social Work Education, (ii) complete 3,000 hours of post-master's social work experience, including at least 100 hours under supervision by a licensed clinical or certified independent social worker, with such hours completed in Connecticut as a licensed master social worker, (iii) pass the clinical level examination of the Association of Social Work Boards or any other examination prescribed by DPH or (b) without meeting the above requirements if the individual is licensed or certified as a clinical social worker in another jurisdiction whose requirements are substantially similar or higher than Connecticut's requirements and who has also passed the clinical level examination of the Association of Social Work Boards or any examination prescribed by DPH.**
- ii The Department will pay enrolled licensed clinical social workers only for services provided to individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age.**
- iii Services are provided under the benefit category of 42 C.F.R. § 440.60, other practitioners, and include routine diagnostic, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation or palliative services provided to individuals with a behavioral health disorder, within a licensed clinical social worker's scope of practice and as set forth on the applicable published fee schedule.**

i. Licensed Marital and Family Therapists Services

- i Marital and family therapists must be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) (a) after (i) completing a graduate degree program in marital and family therapy from a regionally accredited college or university or an accredited postgraduate clinical training program approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education and recognized by the U.S.**

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- (b) Optometrists – 90% of physician fees as referenced in (5) above. The fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.
- (c) Chiropractors – 100% of physician fees as referenced in (5) above. The current fee schedule was set as of January 1, 2012 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule for chiropractors can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.
- (d) Other practitioners –
- (i) Psychologists – The current fee schedule was set as of January 1, 2012 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule for psychologists can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.

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- (v) Licensed behavioral health practitioners to include licensed clinical social workers, licensed marital and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and licensed alcohol and drug counselors – not to exceed 75% of the Medicare physician fee schedule. The fee schedule for licensed behavioral health practitioners can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” The agency’s rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published on the agency’s website.
- (vi) Physician assistants – 100% of the department’s fees for physicians. The fee schedule for physicians can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” The agency’s rates were set as of January 1, 2012 and are effective for services on or after that date. Rates are the same for private and governmental providers and are published at www.ctdssmap.com.

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