## **Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**

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TO: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors

RE: Behavioral Health Clinician Coverage for Individuals Under Age 21 in Fee-For-Service Medicaid (HUSKY C) and Medicaid for Low Income Adults (HUSKY D)

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform independent practice licensed or certified behavioral health practitioners of an expansion in the population that they can serve under Medicaid.

**REMINDER**: Beginning January 1, 2012 the populations currently referred to as Medicaid fee-for-service and Medicaid for Low Income Adults (MLIA) are referred to as HUSKY C and HUSKY D, respectively. For additional details see PB 2011-77.

## **Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners**

Effective January 1, 2012 behavioral health assessment and treatment services provided by the following independent practitioners to individuals covered by HUSKY C and HUSKY D who are under twenty-one (21) years of age will be reimbursed as optional services by Connecticut Medicaid:

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs),
- Licensed Marital and Family Therapists (LMFTs).
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs),
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs) and
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADCs).

Providers must bill using modifiers identified in PB 2005-79 on all claims for all client coverage groups.

Case management services billed using code T1016 are reimbursable for HUSKY C and HUSKY D individuals under 19 years of age.

Prior authorization from the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership is required for these services as described in Section IV of the Provider Manual on their website at <a href="https://www.ctbhp.com">www.ctbhp.com</a>.

## **Accessing the Fee Schedule:**

DSS fee schedules are now posted to the Web site in either PDF or CSV (Comma Separated Values) formats. The fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Web site: <a href="www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a>. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then select "Behavioral Health Psychologist" or "Behavioral Health Clinician" as appropriate. Please note that "Behavioral Health Clinician" includes LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCs, LADCs and CADCs. These fees will be posted by mid-April.

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