		Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Policy Transmittal 2012-04	PB 2012-13 March 2012
10		Contract Conference L. Bremby, Commissioner	Effective Date: January 1, 2012 Contact: Nina Holmes @ 860-424-5486
TO:	Physicians, Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)		
RE:	Physician Fee Schedule Updates: Updated fees for Psychiatric and Selected Adult Medical Services		

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform providers of two updates to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule for claims with dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward.

Formerly the Department utilized a separate fee schedule when reimbursing physician psychiatric services rendered to individuals enrolled under the HUSKY A and B and Charter Oak programs. Effective retroactive to dates of service January 1, 2012 this separate fee structure has been eliminated and providers will be reimbursed off of the Physician Office and Outpatient fee schedule located at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> for all services rendered to individuals enrolled under HUSKY A, B, C and D, and the Charter Oak programs.

Additionally, effective for dates of service retroactive to January 1, 2012 and forward the Department has updated fees for select office consultation and office and outpatient procedure codes. The new fees do <u>not</u> apply to obstetrical or pediatric services, as noted in the fee schedule instructions. The new fees apply to services rendered to all individuals enrolled under the HUSKY A, B, C and D and Charter Oak programs.

The fees that have been updated are listed on the attachment. In the future, please refer to the updated fee schedule for the applicable fees. The posting of the updated fee schedule is targeted for mid April.

Please note HP will automatically identify all previously paid claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2012 and reprocess them according to the new fees.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. From this web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then select "<u>Physician Office and Outpatient</u>" 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 HP Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

Accessing the Behavioral Health Covered Services and Authorization Schedule:

Providers can obtain further information regarding CT BHP covered services and authorization by going to the CT Behavioral Health Partnership Web site: www.ctbhp.com. From this web page go to "For Providers," then to "Covered Services" and select "Covered Services" or the applicable "Authorization Schedule."

Posting Instructions: Holders of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Provider Manual should replace their existing fee schedule with the new schedule. Policy transmittals can also be downloaded from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>

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