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TO: Physicians and Physician Assistants
RE: Reimbursement Methodology for Services Rendered by Physician Assistants

Reimbursement Methodology for Physician Assistants

Effective September 1, 2013, the Department will change the reimbursement methodology for services rendered by enrolled physician assistants (PA). Currently services rendered by a PA are reimbursed at 100% of the physician fee on file. Effective for dates of service September 1, 2013 and forward, all claims submitted with an enrolled PA as the rendering provider will be reimbursed at 90% of the physician fee on file.

The 90% reimbursement will apply to the applicable physician fee on file. For example, services that meet the obstetrical (OBS) rate type criteria will be reimbursed at 90% of the OBS fee; services that meet the requirements for the Enhanced Payment for Primary Care Services will be reimbursed at 90% of the enhanced fee. *Please refer to PB 2013-08 and PB 2013-37 for a description of the services that are eligible for enhanced payments.*

This change in methodology will align reimbursement for services rendered by a PA with Medicaid reimbursement for services rendered by advanced practice registered nurses and certified nurse midwives and Medicare reimbursement for services rendered by PAs. This change will apply to all PA services reimbursed under HUSKY Health (HUSKY A, B, C, D, and Charter Oak).

Claims Submission

The claims submission process will not change. Services provided by a PA will continue to be billed with the PA's NPI as the rendering provider and the enrolled supervising physician or the billing group NPI as the billing provider. All claims submitted with a PA as the rendering provider will be automatically priced to reimburse the services at 90% of the physician fee on file. The following explanation of benefit (EOB) description will appear on the remittance advice for all PA services reimbursed at 90%:

EOB Description: Pricing Adjustment - Physician Assistant Pricing Applied

Accessing the Fee Schedules

No changes have been made to the physician office and outpatient, surgical, physician radiology or anesthesia fee schedules. All fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then to the appropriate physician fee schedule. To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

As a reminder a Fee Table listing the CPT codes eligible under the *ACA Increased Payment for Services Furnished by Certain Primary Care Physicians* with the total payment amounts is posted on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider," then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download," then to "Fee Schedule Instructions."

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.

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