

- TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives, Physician Assistants, General Hospitals, Private Behavioral Health Clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers
- RE: Connecticut State Budget and Changes under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program

The purpose of this bulletin is to alert providers to the process that the Department will use to provide notice of and implement provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium ending June 30, 2017, once it is ultimately signed by the Governor.

The State Budget for the Biennium ending June 30, 2017, that was passed by the General Assembly during the 2015 legislative session, provisionally identified as Public Act 15-244, has not been signed by the Governor. In addition, the human services implementer legislation (House Bill 7062), which typically contains provisions that modify the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP), was not acted on by either chamber of the General Assembly during the 2015 legislative session. The General Assembly plans to hold a Special Session on or about June 29, 2015, with the intent of finalizing the budget and related implementer legislation.

In order to comply with federal Medicaid requirements for public notice, the Department plans, as required, to publish notice of anticipated changes to CMAP prior to July 1, 2015.

After the budget has been signed by the Governor, the Department will issue specific guidance to providers outlining any changes to Connecticut Medical Assistance coverage and/or reimbursement policies. The Department anticipates that provisions of the budget will be effective July 1, 2015, and on this basis, retroactively applicable to dates of service beginning July 1, 2015.