## **Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**



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TO: Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center Providers

RE: Incorporation of January 2014 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform freestanding ambulatory surgery clinic providers that, effective January 1, 2014, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is revising its ambulatory surgery clinic fee schedule to ensure that the fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Discontinued CPT codes are being removed from the fee schedule as payable codes. If the 2014 CPT manual identifies a code that should be used in place of a discontinued code, the replacement code is being added to the fee schedule. Fees for replacement codes will equal the fee for the code being discontinued.

The Department hopes to post the new fee schedule before the end of December; however, due to a delay in receipt of files from CMS the fee schedule may not be posted until early January. All changes will be effective January 1, 2014 regardless of when the fee schedule is actually posted.

## **Accessing the Fee Schedule:**

The updated ambulatory surgery clinic fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Website: <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a>. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then to the "Clinic Ambulatory Surgery" fee schedule. To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open". The new CSV version will be posted in early January 2014

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 800-842-8440.

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