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TO: Access Agencies, ABI Service Providers, CHC Service Providers and Home Health

Agencies

RE: **Rate Increase for Home Health Agencies**

Rate Increase for Home Health Agencies

In accordance with section 17b-242 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the budget for SFY 2015, the Department is increasing fees paid to home health agencies by 1% effective for dates of service January 1, 2015 and forward. An updated fee schedule will be posted on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site with an effective date of January 1, 2015.

The 1% rate increase applies to all fees except the following procedure codes on the home health agency fee schedule:

- G0163-Skilled Services By A Licensed Nurse (LPN or RN) for the observation and assessment of the patient's condition, each 15 minutes:
- S5185-Medication reminder service, nonface-to-face; per month; and
- T1021-Home health aide or certified nurse assistant, per visit.

Prior authorizations will be still required for identified services, as indicated on the fee schedule.

Accessing the 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", click "I Accept", and then click on PDF for "Home Health".

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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