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Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner

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TO: Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center Providers
RE: Incorporation of January 2013 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform freestanding ambulatory surgery clinic providers that, effective January 1, 2013, 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 procedure codes 31656, 32420, 32421, 43234 and 65805 are being removed from the fee schedule as payable codes. The 2013 CPT manual directs providers to bill for services previously performed with procedure codes 31656, 32420, 43234 and 65805 with an existing code. Procedure codes 32554 and 32555 are being added as replacements for 32421. Descriptions and pricing of the added codes are:

CPT code	Description	Fee
32554	Thoracentesis, needle or catheter, aspiration of the pleural space, without imaging guidance	\$233.29
32555	with imaging guidance	\$272.12

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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Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated ambulatory surgery clinic fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then to the "Clinic - Ambulatory Surgical Center" fee schedule. DSS now posts fee schedules in only the CSV (Comma Separated Value) format. To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open". The new CSV version will be posted on or about January 1, 2013.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut