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TO: Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors and Psychology Groups

RE: Behavioral Health Clinician Fee Schedule Update

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform behavioral health clinicians in independent practice that effective January 1, 2013 the Department of Social Services is incorporating the 2013 HCPCS additions, deletions and description changes into applicable Behavioral Health Clinician Fee Schedules under the HUSKY Health and Charter Oak Health Plan programs. All updates are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013. The following enrolled provider specialties are affected:

- Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs),
- Licensed Marital and Family Therapists (LMFTs),
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs)

The Department is making these changes to ensure that the Behavioral Health Clinician Fee Schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This year there have been significant changes to the codes used for psychiatric diagnostic evaluations and some of the psychotherapy services.

Behavioral health clinicians are able to be reimbursed for services to individuals of any age who are covered by HUSKY A, HUSKY B or Charter Oak. For individuals covered by HUSKY C or HUSKY D, behavioral health clinicians are limited to being reimbursed for Medicare crossover claims or for services to individuals under the age of 21.

Please note that payment to behavioral health clinicians is limited to services listed on the department's published fee schedule and personally performed by the behavioral health clinician.

Existing prior authorizations that span the transition to the new codes that are being added to these fee schedules will be able to be used to cover the services. Providers will not need to do anything to modify their authorizations

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

DSS fee schedules are now posted to the Web site in only the CSV (Comma Separated Values) format. The fee schedule 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 select "Psychologist" or "Behavioral Health Clinician" as appropriate. Please note that the "Behavioral Health Clinician" fee schedule includes LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCs and LADCs.

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