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TO: Hospitals, Independent Laboratories, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse-Midwives, Podiatrists and Optometrists

RE: Consolidated Laboratory Fee Schedule Update

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2014 and forward, the Department of Social Services is incorporating the 2014 HCPCS changes (additions, deletions and description changes) to its Consolidated Laboratory Fee Schedule. The Department is making these changes to ensure that its laboratory fee schedule remains compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The changes apply to services reimbursed under all the HUSKY Health programs. Limits and cost sharing for HUSKY B clients remain as outlined in the HUSKY Health and Prior Authorizations Requirements grid for Laboratory Services. This grid is available www.huskyhealth.com under "For Providers" under "Benefits and Authorizations".

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated laboratory 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 "Lab" fee schedule. To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

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.

Posting Instructions: Holders of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Provider Manual should replace their existing fee schedule with the new schedule. Policy transmittals can also be downloaded from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Website at www.ctdssmap.com

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 fees will be effective January 1, 2014 regardless of when the fee schedule is actually posted. Any paid claims that process with current fees will be mass adjusted after the new fees are loaded to the system. Providers will be notified via a banner message when the claims are adjusted. No action is required on the part of the provider.

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