

TO: Hospice Providers

RE: Increase in Hospice Rates

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify providers that rates for hospice services increased effective October 1, 2013 consistent with Section 1902(a) (13)(B) of the Social Security Act. The new rates can be found on the Department's Web site at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. From the Home page select "Provider", "Provider Fee Schedule Download", click on "I Accept", then "Hospice". To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

Paid claims where the detail billed amount is greater than the new allowed amount will be retroactively adjusted in a future rate mass adjustment. Rate mass adjustments occur in the second financial cycle of each month in the **month following a rate update**. **Providers are encouraged to** bill their usual and customary charge when submitting Hospice claims to ensure the systematic reprocessing of their claims whenever a rate change occurs.

<u>**Posting Instructions:**</u> Policy transmittals may be downloaded from the DSS Web site at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>.

Distribution: This policy transmittal is being distributed to providers enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program by HP Enterprise Services.

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