## **Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**



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TO: Independent Audiologists and Speech and Language Pathologists

RE: Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology Fee Schedule Update

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform providers of an update to the independent audiology fee schedule. Effective for dates of service July 1, 2013 and forward, a series of vestibular function tests, audiologic function tests, and evaluative and therapeutic procedures will be added as covered services when billed by independent audiologists or speech and language pathologists under HUSKY A, B, C, and D, and the Charter Oak programs.

Providers are reminded that for members eligible for HUSKY A, C and D reimbursement for services performed by <u>independent</u> audiologists and <u>independent</u> speech and language pathologists will continue to be limited to members under the age of 21.

For HUSKY A, C, and D members who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, HUSKY Health will continue to cover the coinsurance and/or deductible for services provided by an independent audiologist or speech and language pathologist only when the service is covered by Medicare and Medicare makes a payment on the claim.

The updated fee schedule will be available for viewing and downloading after June 3, 2013. Please note in order to accurately reflect the providers who can bill for services, the updated fee schedule will have a new title, "Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology."

Accessing the Fee Schedule: The updated fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a>. From this web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then select "Independent Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology" fee schedule. To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about enrolling, 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.

<u>Posting Instructions</u>: 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 Web site at <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a>.

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

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