



**Connecticut Department of Social Services  
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Provider Bulletin**

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**TO: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, School Based Health Centers and Managed Care Organizations**

**SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Partnership Enrollment**

Pursuant to Public Act 05-280, this bulletin provides important information about a new initiative taking place between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the development and implementation of an integrated behavioral health services system for HUSKY A and HUSKY B members and for other children served by DCF. This initiative is called the Behavioral Health Partnership (BHP) and it will begin January 1, 2006.

The Behavioral Health Partnership seeks to increase access to quality behavioral health services through: (1) expansion of individualized, family-centered, community-based services; (2) maximization of federal revenue to fund behavioral health services; (3) reduction in the unnecessary use of institutional and residential services for children; (4) improved administrative oversight and efficiencies; and (5) monitoring of individual outcomes and provider performance.

Beginning January 1, 2006, an administrative services organization (ASO) under contract to DSS and DCF will authorize and manage the behavioral health services of clients under the Behavioral Health Partnership. The Managed Care Organizations, or their subcontractors, will no longer manage or pay claims for behavioral health services for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006. Behavioral health services will instead be managed by the ASO. Electronic Data Services (EDS) will process behavioral health claims for HUSKY A and B clients.

**Providers that wish to be reimbursed for behavioral health services under the Behavioral Health Partnership must enroll with DSS.** Providers who wish to enroll should obtain an enrollment application by contacting the EDS Provider Assistance Center at the numbers listed on the back side or by writing to: EDS, Provider Enrollment Unit, P.O. Box 5007, Hartford, CT 06104. Questions about how to fill out the enrollment application should also be directed to the EDS Provider Enrollment Unit.

The Department urges providers to obtain an application as soon as possible so that enrollment processing will not be delayed. The Department does not have a limit on the number of providers it will enroll. All qualified providers are encouraged to participate.



All providers except Managed Care Organizations to whom this bulletin is addressed are eligible for reimbursement for covered behavioral health services to HUSKY A and HUSKY B clients effective January 1, 2006. In addition, enrolled school based health centers can immediately be reimbursed for covered services to non-HUSKY Medicaid clients.

Fee schedules and rates are being developed for services provided under the Behavioral Health Partnership. These fee schedules and rates will be different than the fee schedules and rates for non-HUSKY clients under Medicaid. Reimbursement under the Behavioral Health Partnership will be similar to that provided by the Managed Care Organizations. Draft fee schedules for independent practitioners under the Behavioral Health Partnership are available on the Department's home page at [www.dss.state.ct.us](http://www.dss.state.ct.us). Services and reimbursement for non-BHP clients under Medicaid will remain unchanged.

**If you have questions about enrollment in the Behavioral Health Partnership you may call Paul Piccione, Ph.D. at 860-424-5160.**

In the coming months, the Department will continue to provide additional and more detailed information concerning the implementation of the Behavioral Health Partnership.

**Managed Care Organizations are requested to forward this bulletin to all network-only providers.**

This bulletin and other program information can be found at [www.ctmedicalprogram.com](http://www.ctmedicalprogram.com). Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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