



**Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**  
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Michael P. Starkowski, Commissioner

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TO: General Hospitals  
RE: Expansion of Enhanced Care Clinic Initiative

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify General Hospitals that the Enhanced Care Clinic initiative has been expanded to include Charter Oak Behavioral Health clients effective July 1, 2008. Medicaid fee for service (FFS) non-managed care clients are not included in the expansion at this time.

All participating Enhanced Care Clinics are required to meet the access standards as promulgated in PB 2007-44 and the primary care memorandum of understanding requirement established in PB 2008-14 for Charter Oak Behavioral Health clients. In addition, Enhanced Care Clinics will be required to comply with future requirements established in the areas of welcoming and engagement, co-occurring capability, evidence-based practice, and cultural competence as they pertain to the Charter Oak Behavioral Health clients.

Letters of agreements will be sent to all freestanding Enhanced Care Clinics. The agreements have been amended to reference Charter Oak Behavioral Health clients. The agreements have also been amended to eliminate the time limitation as it pertains to probationary status. The reference to the 120 day limit has been removed in order to allow sufficient time to assess compliance pursuant to a corrective action plan. Finally, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be participating in the oversight of this initiative. Accordingly, the letters of agreement will also be signed by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has established co-occurring requirements in various service settings. The Departments will work with the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council to develop similar requirements for routine outpatient services provided by Enhanced Care Clinics to adults and adolescents.

Once the letters of agreement have been signed by all parties, each Enhanced Care Clinic's fee schedule under Charter Oak Behavioral Health will be updated to reflect the Enhanced Care Clinic fees. For any letter of agreement signed by a qualified Enhanced Care Clinic and submitted to the Department by January 31, 2010, the fee schedule update will be applicable to dates of service on or after July 1, 2008. For any letter of agreement received after January 31, 2010, the fee schedule update will be applicable to dates of service on or after July 1, 2009.

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