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TO: Mental Health Clinics, Enhanced Care Clinics, Methadone Clinics, Medical Clinics, and Rehabilitation Clinics

RE: Fee Schedule Update for Behavioral Health Services

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform clinic-based providers of behavioral health services that the fee schedules have been revised effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2012.

Previously clinics were paid based on different fee schedules for clients covered under HUSKY A, HUSKY B and Charter Oak versus clients covered under HUSKY C and HUSKY D. Effective for dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward, the department is no longer utilizing separate fee schedules based on the client's coverage.

PLEASE NOTE: For all the behavioral health services addressed in this Policy Transmittal, clinic providers must not submit any claims between October 22 and 26, 2012 while changes to the claims system are in process. All electronic claims submitted on October 29, 2012 and before 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2012 will be processed in time to be included in the November 9, 2012 claims cycle. Providers who submit their claims within this window will experience no delay in payment related to the temporary holding of their submissions.

Adult/Child Rate Differential at Mental Health Clinics

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward behavioral health clinics will be paid different fees for routine outpatient services based on the age of the individual on the date service is rendered. Fees for routine outpatient services provided to adults (individuals 18 years of age and

over) will be 95% of the published fee on the mental health clinic fee schedule.

Enhanced Care Clinics

The Department is implementing a new clinic provider specialty (Clinic/Enhanced Care Clinic) for the ECCs to distinguish them from other behavioral health clinics (Clinic/Behavioral Health Clinic). This will permit targeted mailings and other administrative efficiencies. Existing ECCs do not need to take any action to be transitioned to this new classification. The Department has identified all ECC provider numbers and will convert these to Clinic/ECC status. The existing provider number will continue to be used even after the transition has occurred.

Separate fees are published for non-Federally Qualified Health Center facilities designated as Enhanced Care Clinics (ECCs) on the Clinic-Mental Health fee schedule and can be identified by the ECC Rate Type. These clinics meet special access and quality standards and as a result are reimbursed at a higher rate for routine outpatient services than clinics that are not designated as ECCs. Effective for dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward, fees for routine outpatient services provided by ECCs to individuals 18 years of age and over will be 95% of the published ECC fees.

Methadone Clinics

The rates for methadone clinics have been adjusted effective with dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward. The adult/child rate differential is not applied to methadone clinic rates.

Medical Clinics and Rehabilitation Clinics

Both Medical Clinics (including School Based Health Centers) and Rehabilitation Clinics may provide a limited set of behavioral health services. The fees for these services have also been adjusted effective for dates of service January 1, 2012 and forward. The adult/child rate differential is not applied to medical or rehabilitation clinic fees.

Claims Adjustment

Please note that HP will automatically identify all previously paid behavioral health claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2012 and reprocess them according to the new fees. Additional information about the timing of this adjustment will be available on the remittance advice banner page and the Important Message section of the website (www.ctdssmap.com) as it becomes available.

Accessing the Fee Schedules:

DSS fee schedules are now posted on the Web site in either PDF or CSV (Comma Separated Values) formats. The Mental Health Clinic, the Medical Clinic, the Rehabilitation Clinic and the Methadone Clinic (aka Substance Abuse Clinic) fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then select the specific fee schedule you are interested in viewing.

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