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TO: Physicians, Physician Groups, and MCOs

RE: Enrollment of Physician Assistants (PAs) in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform providers that effective January 1, 2012 the Department of Social Services (DSS) will require that all Physician Assistants (PAs) who provide services to the Department's Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) clients individually enroll in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program. This includes any PAs in physician practices who directly render services to DSS clients, write orders for such clients (e.g., laboratory testing, prescriptions), or who refer such clients to other providers or services. Enrollment of PAs is necessary to meet the requirements of Section 6401 of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, and is also necessary to monitor primary care capacity and support primary care assignment. PAs may enroll via the Web portal beginning immediately.

### Enrollment Requirements

Physician Assistants who need to enroll in the Medicaid program, as well as PAs currently enrolled with an MCO who have a Medicaid provider number, must submit a complete enrollment application to HP. PAs will be enrolled as performing providers furnishing services under a Medicaid enrolled supervising physician; they cannot be enrolled as individual billers and thus cannot be paid directly. Enrolling PAs are required to be licensed, and must practice under the supervision of a licensed physician who is also enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program. A written protocol that describes the functions that may be delegated to the PA, signed by the supervising physician must be retained and available upon request at the provider's office.

PAs will be enrolled in the Medicaid Program as Provider Type 97 – Physician Assistant. The following specialties and taxonomies are available for PAs:

997 - Primary Care Physician Assistant  
363A00000X - Primary Care Physician Assistant

995 - Medical Physician Assistant  
363AM0700X - Medical Physician Assistant

996 - Surgical Physician Assistant  
363AS0400X - Surgical Physician Assistant.

The re-enrollment period will be 5 years.

### Reimbursement

PAs must follow the policies and procedures listed in Chapters 7 and 8 of the Physician Provider Manual in accordance with the written protocol.

Claims for services provided by PAs must be submitted with the NPI and taxonomy of the billing group or individual (supervising) physician as well as the NPI and taxonomy of the PA as the rendering provider. Payment is not made directly to PAs; payment is made to the group or individual (supervising) physician.

### Prior Authorization

DSS requires providers to obtain Prior Authorization for selected services. Procedure codes that require Prior Authorization are noted in the physician fee schedule.

Chapter 9 of the Provider Manual contains complete information regarding Prior Authorization.

### Provider Enrollment Process

PAs may enroll via the Enrollment/Re-enrollment Wizard which can be accessed from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this Web site; go to "Provider" then to "Provider Enrollment."

### Changes to the Web site

The provider Enrollment Wizard and Provider Matrix have been updated to include the new PA provider type, specialties and taxonomies.

For questions regarding the enrollment process or if further assistance is needed to access the Enrollment/Re-enrollment Wizard 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.

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**Responsible Unit:** DSS, Medical Care Administration, Medical Policy Section, Barbara Fletcher, Supervisor, (860) 424-5136. Questions pertaining to enrollment of providers should be directed to HP Enterprise Services at 800-842-8440.

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