

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws are: The proposed regulation will permit payment for services provided by independent licensed behavioral health clinicians to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) covered by the Medicaid program. This will also ensure that individuals enrolled in HUSKY A who are receiving services from an independent licensed behavioral health clinician in private practice prior to January 1, 2012, may continue to receive those services and have the services paid for by Medicaid after the HUSKY A waiver program sunsets.

A copy of the complete text of these regulations is available at no cost upon request from the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, 12th floor, Hartford, CT 06106; email sandie.prentiss@ct.gov.

In addition, all written comments regarding these regulations may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella. A hearing will be scheduled on the proposed regulation if requested by fifteen persons, by a governmental subdivision of an agency or by an association having not less than fifteen members, if notice of the request is received by the Department within fourteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

When submitting comments please refer to regulation control #11-11/PP.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, under the authority of section 17b-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes, proposes to amend sections 17b-262-630 to 17b-262-640, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to provide Medicaid payment for services provided by independent occupational therapists.

Statement of purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulations is to add "independent occupational therapists" to the list of independent therapists that may bill for Medicaid payment under sections 17b-262-630 to 17b-262-640, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address: Effective January 1, 2012, the Department will transition from a Managed Care Organization ("MCO") model to an Administrative Services Organization ("ASO") model. Under the ASO model, the Department's existing regulations will be used to determine the requirements for payment for medical services. Currently there are no regulations governing the payment of independent occupational therapists under Medicaid and, therefore, those services will not be reimbursed under an ASO model unless the regulation is amended as proposed. The proposed regulation will set forth the requirements for payment for independent occupational therapist under Medicaid. This amendment will also permit individuals receiving independent occupational therapy services under their MCOs prior to the transition to continue to receive those services after they are transitioned to the ASO.

(B) The main provisions of the regulation: Add "occupational therapist" to the regulation as necessary and adds definitions for the terms "occupational therapist" and "occupational therapy."

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws are: The proposed regulation will amend the current policy to permit payment for services provided by independent occupational therapists. This will also ensure that individuals receiving services from an independent occupational therapist paid for by their MCO prior to January 1, 2012, to continue to receive those services and have them paid for by Medicaid after they are transitioned to the ASO.

The proposed regulation also makes several technical corrections.

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All interested persons who wish to present their views, questions, or concerns regarding these regulations may do so at a public hearing to be held on March 14, 2012 from 10:00 to 11:00 in Conference Room 1 on the Mezzanine Level, at the Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT.

In addition, all written comments regarding these regulations may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella.

When submitting comments please refer to regulation control # 11-05/BF.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, under the authority of section 17b-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes, proposes to amend sections 17b-262-337 to 17b-262-349, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to ensure payment and enrollment of physician assistants ("PAs") when working in conjunction with a physician.

Statement of purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulations is to add provisions that allow DSS to pay for the services of a physician assistant working in conjunction with a physician in accordance with their scope of practice as outlined in Connecticut General Statutes and to enroll PAs as performing providers. The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address: Effective January 1, 2012, the Department of Social Services ("the Department") will transition from a Managed Care Organization ("MCO") model to an Administrative Services Organization ("ASO") model. CMS requires the Department to maintain a certain ratio of primary care practitioners ("PCPs") to clients. PAs working in conjunction with a PCP are included in the count. With the change in management responsibility the calculation and maintenance of the necessary ratio reverts back to the Department