

Affordable Care Act, codified at 42 USC 1396d(a)(28) and 1396d(l)(3), which requires states to provide Medicaid coverage for birth center services and other ambulatory services offered by a birth center and otherwise included in the Medicaid State Plan. These statutory provisions require that the payments to licensed clinicians who perform services at a birth center shall be excluded from the payments to the birth center.

DSS will amend Attachments 3.1-A and 4.19-A of the state plan to establish the methods and standards for setting payment rates for birth center services and other ambulatory services offered by a birth center and otherwise included in the Medicaid State Plan. Although the exact fiscal impact of the SPA has not been estimated at this time, the department anticipates a small savings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal requirements governing the Medicaid program, upon request, DSS will provide copies of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at each of the DSS regional offices and on the DSS web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to "Publications" and then to "Updates".

Written, phone, and email requests should be directed to Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5033 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov). Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (e.g., "TN # 12-013 Free-Standing Birth Centers"). Written comments may be submitted by April 16, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

Pursuant to sections 4-168 and 22a-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of his intent to amend section 22a-638-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("Department") proposes minor revisions to the statewide electronic waste ("e-waste") recycling program. Through this Program, televisions, computers, monitors and printers from households, referred to in the regulations as "covered electronic devices" or "CEDs" are recycled in an environmentally protective manner. The cost of the Program is borne by electronics manufacturers based upon a product stewardship model.

The Department first implemented this Program in 2011. The Program includes recyclers and their local, national and international partners. During this process of implementing the Program, the Department found that some of the standards in the regulations were more stringent than necessary, and that certain clarifying changes would help administration of the Program.

While the revisions are generally minor, they are important to: 1) reduce unnecessary burdens on recyclers and the Department; 2) to clarify Program requirements; and 3) maintain a robust and competitive pool of approved covered electronic recyclers ("CERs"). The revisions do not compromise the principle of responsible recycling.

The amendments include:

- Changes to the definitions to clarify the scope of the Program, including certain exclusions for activities that are incidental to transportation;
- Changes to the information that a CER must provide in an application to the Department. As a result of the proposed amendments certain information will no longer have to be provided, for example for recycling or disposal facilities that do not manage materials of concern and for certain transporters;
- Lowering the insurance coverage required for certain downstream recycling and disposal facilities that do not dismantle, shred, crush or similarly process whole CEDs;
- Revisions to the insurance and financial assurance requirements for out of state recycling or disposal facilities that handle higher risk "materials of concern" (e.g. mercury, lead, or PCBs) to harmonize the requirements of the Program with the requirements of other states;
- Revisions to the insurance, closure plan and financial assurance requirements for foreign recycling or disposal facilities to allow the Program to better accommodate the requirements of these foreign countries; and
- Other certain editorial or conforming changes.

Information Available

Copies of the proposed regulatory amendments, small business impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis, if required, are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department's Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, 4th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. These documents are also available on the Department's web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/publicnotices> or may be obtained from Mr. Mark Latham at the above address, or by phone at 860-418-5930.

Invitation to Comment

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed regulatory amendments. Written comments on the proposed regulations should be submitted to Mr. Mark Latham, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted by mail, facsimile to 860-424-4059, or by electronic mail to mark.latham@ct.gov. All comments must be received prior to 4:30pm EDT on April 30, 2012.

Public Hearing

Comments can also be offered or submitted at a public hearing that will held at the following place and times:

April 26, 2012

1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. EDT - until all comments have been heard
Phoenix Auditorium, 5th Floor,
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Speakers are requested, although not required, to submit a written copy of their comments.

Informational Session

In addition, the Department provides notice that an informational session will be held via teleconference at 2 p.m. EDT on April 12, 2012 to discuss the proposed amendments to the regulations. Interested persons are invited to call-in by telephone to 866-712-2081, and enter passcode #1754584. Interested persons are advised, however, that this conference call is not a substitute for submitting comments and that the Department will *not* be receiving public comments during this conference call. Any person seeking to comment on the proposed regulations will need to submit a comment in writing or at the public hearing, even if the same matter is discussed during this conference call.

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