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Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
Representative Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol – Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Medicaid Payment for Behavioral Health Clinic Services

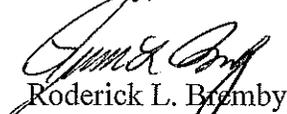
Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to section 4-170 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for approval a copy of a proposed regulation and accompanying fiscal note concerning Medicaid payment for behavioral health clinic services. The proposed regulation was previously submitted to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee and on June 25, 2013, was rejected without prejudice. The regulation has been amended in accordance with the report from the Legislative Commissioner's Office.

Currently these requirements are contained in the department's Medical Services Policy Manual. The purpose of the proposed regulation is to establish, in regulation form, the requirements for payment of behavioral health clinic services. In addition, the regulation proposes to: (1) add new definitions as necessary; (2) incorporate current practice; and (3) clarify the prior authorization process, documentation requirements and billing procedures.

If you or your staff require additional information or clarification concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Attorney Lara Stauning at 860-424-4837.

Sincerely,



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