

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES****Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment**

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Obstetrical Services**

This State Plan Amendment (SPA), TN # 12-024, will revise reimbursement methodologies for obstetrical services effective October 1, 2012. These changes are necessary to improve access to obstetrical services by increasing reimbursement rates for vaginal deliveries and related care.

DSS will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to revise the reimbursement methodology for obstetrical services. In particular, DSS will revise the fee schedule for obstetrical services. Based on the information that is available at this time, DSS estimates that the federal financial impact will be as follows:

FFY 2013: \$674,000

FFY 2014: \$687,000

**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](mailto:ginny.mahoney@ct.gov)). Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (e.g., "SPA TN # 12-024: Obstetrical Services"). Written comments may be submitted by October 16, 2012.

**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 subsection (i) of section 17b-802 of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to amend sections 17b-802-1 to 17b-802-12, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Department of Social Services

will implement the amended policies while in the process of adopting the regulation, effective October 1, 2012.

**Statement of purpose:**

**(A) The purpose of the regulation:** To amend sections 17b-802-1 to 17b-802-12, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to comply with Public Act 00-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 01-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 02-79, Public Act 04-76, Public Act 05-280, Public Act 05-3 of the June Special Session, and Public Act 11-44 and to make technical changes to update and clarify the regulation to reflect current practices.

**(B) The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address:** The proposed amendment brings the existing regulation into compliance with Public Act 00-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 01-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 02-79, Public Act 04-76, Public Act 05-280, Public Act 05-3 of the June Special Session, and Public Act 11-44 and makes technical changes to update and clarify the regulation to reflect current practices.

**(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws:** The proposed amendment brings the regulation into line with state statutes. The existing regulations do not address the changes to the security deposit program required by Public Act 00-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 01-2 of the June Special Session, Public Act 02-79, Public Act 04-76, Public Act 05-280, Public Act 05-3 of the June Special Session, and Public Act 11-44. The amendment revises the existing regulation by: adding language to include individuals receiving benefits from the state supplement program as individuals who are categorically eligible; amending categorical eligibility requirements, including replacing the receipt of a notice to quit requirement with a service of a writ, summons and complaint in a summary process action requirement; adding language that permits the commissioner to establish priorities for allocating security deposit guarantees; adding language regarding the provision of security deposit grants; clarifying the timing and procedure for landlords' claims for damages; adding language requiring an eligible person with income over 150% of the federal poverty level to contribute five percent of one month's rent to the payment of the security deposit; clarifying program definitions; and making technical changes.

A copy of the complete text of this regulation is available, at no cost, upon request from the Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email: [sandie.prentiss@ct.gov](mailto:sandie.prentiss@ct.gov).

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding this regulation may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations & Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella, Director. 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 DSS Regulation # 09-16/DF.