



**Connecticut Department of Social Services  
Medical Assistance Program  
Provider Bulletin**

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**TO: Mental Health Clinics and General Hospitals**

**SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Enhanced Care Clinic  
Application Process**

This bulletin is to notify Mental Health Clinic providers and General Hospitals that the **Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP)** is seeking applications to establish a subclass of mental health and substance abuse clinics referred to as Enhanced Care Clinics (ECC). The CT BHP will reimburse the Enhanced Care Clinics with fees that are, on average, 25 percent higher than the standard CT BHP Husky fee schedule for routine outpatient mental health and substance abuse services. Enhanced Care Clinics must meet special requirements to qualify for the higher fees. The overall goal is to provide adults and children who are seeking behavioral health services and supports with enhanced access to a coordinated, effective, and efficient service system, and to reduce reliance on unnecessary institutional care. Enhanced care clinics will provide a centralized point of access with triage protocols to effectively screen and promptly serve clients. Services will be offered at times that can accommodate clients' needs. Clients will be screened and treated for co-occurring disorders, provided specialty care and evidence-based treatments as appropriate, and afforded access to culturally competent care. Member Service and Support will be emphasized by the clinics. Additionally, clinics will negotiate coordination agreements with primary care providers that serve clinic clients

As of June 19, 2006, the Enhanced Care Clinic Request for Applications (RFA) can be downloaded from the WEB at [www.das.state.ct.us](http://www.das.state.ct.us) by clicking on the link to the Contracting Portal. Once the portal has been accessed, click the link to Social Services, Department of under the chart of "Contracting Portal Units with Open Bids."

Questions regarding the information contained in this bulletin can be directed to Lois Berkowitz, Psy.D. at 860-424-5159.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at [www.ctmedicalprogram.com](http://www.ctmedicalprogram.com).

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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