



TO: Behavioral Health Clinicians and Groups
RE: New Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Changes

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information on the New Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership for the Medicaid fee-for-services (FFS) and Medicaid for Low Income Adults (MLIA) clients, as well as modifications to the existing Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP). Please refer to Policy Transmittal 2011-15 "New Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership" for additional information.

Prior Authorization

Beginning April 1, 2011, the CT BHP Administrative Services Organization (ASO), Value Options (VO) will begin to authorize behavioral health services for Medicaid FFS and MLIA clients.

A Web-based registration process will be available to submit authorization requests. Providers can access the CT BHP Web site at www.ctbhp.com to identify which services require authorization. Providers can contact CT BHP at 1-877-552-8247 to learn about the Web based registration process.

All psychiatric services beginning with the first visit will now follow CT BHP authorization requirements for FFS and MLIA clients.

Covered Services

Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADC) are able to be reimbursed for services to individuals covered by HUSKY A, HUSKY B and Charter Oak, but **not** Medicaid FFS or MLIA.

Independent practice licensed psychologists are able to be reimbursed for services to individuals covered by HUSKY A, HUSKY B and Charter Oak regardless of age but can only be reimbursed for services to individuals covered by Medicaid FFS or MLIA who are under age 21 or when Medicare made a payment for the service.

Payment Rates

Payment rates for CT BHP covered services remain unchanged for the individual's coverage group HUSKY A, HUSKY B, Charter Oak, FFS or MLIA.

HUSKY A, HUSKY B or Charter Oak benefit plans' payment rates can be accessed through the Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download" and then selecting Behavioral Health Partnership or by

accessing the CT BHP Web site at www.ctbhp.com go to "For Providers" then to "Covered Services".

FFS or MLIA payment rates for independent practice licensed psychologists can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", you will need to accept the end user license agreement by clicking on "I Accept" and then choose Psychologist fee schedule.

Timely Filing Guidelines

The timely filing guidelines remain unchanged for all benefit plans. The timely filing requirement for claims submission for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and Charter Oak plans is 120 days; for FFS or MLIA benefit plans the timely filing requirement is 365 days.

Additional Resources

For more information regarding the CT BHP expansion, go to www.ctdssmap.com and click on the New Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Important Message on the Home page. This Important Message will provide links to previously published bulletins as well as a link to the CT BHP Web site at www.ctbhp.com.

