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State/Territory Name: Connecticut

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 20-0012

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Dear Deputy Commissioner Brennan:

We have reviewed the proposed Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 31, 2020. This plan amendment updates the physician office and outpatient fee schedule. First, this SPA increases the rates for the Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive devices (LARCs). Second, this SPA adds Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J2350 - Ocrelizumab to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule at $57.42 based on the current approved Medicaid State Plan reimbursement methodology at 100% of the January 2020 Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing file for physician-administered drugs, immune globulins, vaccines and toxoids.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of March 1, 2020. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact James Moreth at 206-615-2043 or James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL
OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):
   __ NEW STATE PLAN   __AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN   X AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT  (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
   Section 1905(a)(5) of the Social Security Act and
   42 CFR 440.50 and 440.90

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
   a. FFY 2020 $79,000
   b. FFY 2021 $169,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
   Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(a)(E)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR
   ATTACHMENT (If applicable)
   Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1(a)(E)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Effective March 1, 2020, this SPA amends Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to update the physician office and outpatient fee schedule. First, this SPA increases the rates for the Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive devices (LARCs) as specified in the cover letter to this SPA. Second, this SPA adds Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J2350-Ocrelizumab to the physician office and outpatient fee schedule at $57.42 based on the current approved Medicaid State Plan reimbursement methodology at 100% of the January 2020 Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing file for physician-administered drugs, immune globulins, vaccines and toxoids.

11. GOVERNOR’S REVIEW (Check One):
   X GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
   __COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR’S OFFICE ENCLOSED
   __NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME: Kathleen M. Brennan

14. TITLE: Deputy Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
   March 31, 2020

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 03/31/2020

18. DATE APPROVED: 05/29/2020

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
   03/01/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: Todd McMillion

22. TITLE: Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS:

FORM CMS-179 (07-92)
(5) Physician’s services – Fixed fee schedule not to exceed the Medicare physician fee schedule. The current fee schedule was set as of March 1, 2020 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. The fee schedule for physicians can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download.” All governmental and private providers are reimbursed according to the same fee schedule.

Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practices are individual sites of independent physician groups, solo physician practices, nurse practitioner groups, and individual nurse practitioners that have met National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Level 2 or Level 3 medical home recognition or NCQA medical home recognition under the 2017 or later NCQA standards (which do not recognize specific levels of recognition). PCMH practices must comply with all NCQA PCMH requirements and all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

The department offers a PCMH Glide Path program, which pays enhanced rates to practices that are providing some of the additional Medicaid services required for NCQA PCMH recognition. In order to qualify for Glide Path, a practice must demonstrate that it has begun providing a more advanced standard of primary care and has committed to achieving NCQA PCMH recognition in a set period of time. Glide Path practices must also comply with all additional written department requirements, including participation in various primary care initiatives operated by the State.

Beginning January 1, 2012, PCMH and Glide Path practices may be eligible for a rate add-on to the procedure codes on the physician fee schedule identified below. PCMH practices may also be eligible for retrospective annualized supplemental payments for performance incentives and performance improvement. Independent physician-led Glide Path practices with five or fewer full-time equivalent practitioners across all practice locations may also be eligible for a supplemental payment at each Glide Path phase.

(a) Glide Path and PCMH Rate Add-On: The department will pay a rate add-on for the following procedures in addition to the amounts listed for each procedure code on the physician fee schedule: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99318, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99339, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99354, 99355, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99405, 99406, 99407, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99374, 99377, 99379, 99380, 96110, 99050, 99051, 99053, D0145.

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