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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0028

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December 20, 2022

Dr. Deidre Gifford, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Re: Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0028

Dear Commissioner Gifford:

We reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0028. This amendment looks to add coverage and reimbursement of Community Violence Prevention Services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act Section 1905(a)(13)(C) and 42 CFR 440.130(c). This letter informs you that Connecticut’s Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0028 was approved on December 19, 2022, with an effective date of July 1, 2022.

Enclosed is a copy of the approved CMS-179 summary page and the approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Connecticut State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie DiMartino at (617) 565-9157 or via email at Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Sophia Hinojosa, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Joel Norwood
    Deborah Alexson
    Abigail Cotto
    Candace Madison
    Ginny Mahoney
    Dana Robinson-Rush
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<td><strong>5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION</strong></td>
<td>Social Security Act Section 1905(a)(13)(C) and 42 CFR 440.130(c)</td>
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<td>$60,823, $374,059</td>
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<td>Supplement Pages 9, 9a, 9b to Addendum Page 12 to Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B, Supplement 1(a)(i) to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 4</td>
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<td><strong>9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT</strong></td>
<td>This SPA adds coverage and reimbursement of community violence prevention services performed by certified violence prevention professionals as a new benefit within the preventive services benefit category. Service components, provider qualifications, and limitations are set forth in the SPA pages.</td>
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<td><strong>10. GOVERNOR’S REVIEW (Check One)</strong></td>
<td>GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT</td>
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<td>Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH</td>
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<td>Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH</td>
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<td><strong>13. TITLE</strong></td>
<td>Commissioner</td>
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<td>September 29, 2022</td>
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<td><strong>15. RETURN TO</strong></td>
<td>State of Connecticut, Department of Social Service, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105, Attention: Ginny Mahoney</td>
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<td><strong>22. REMARKS</strong></td>
<td>12-19-22: CT approved the following pen and ink authorization for 3.1-B pages: 1. Add (a) to Supplement Page 9 to Addendum Page 12 To Attachment 3.1-B 2. Add (b) to Supplement Page 9 to Addendum Page 12 To Attachment 3.1-B</td>
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13. c. Preventive Services

(3) Community Violence Prevention Services

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As part of the determination of medical necessity and coverage, these services must be referred by a qualified licensed health care practitioner based on a determination that the beneficiary is at elevated risk of a violent injury or retaliation resulting from another act of community violence. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.130(c), these services are recommended by a physician or other qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts, within the practitioner's scope of practice under state law, and are designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, prevent future community violence, prolong life, and promote the physical and mental health and efficiency of the individual.

B. Assessment and Service Plan

As soon as practicable after the certified VPP becomes aware that community violence prevention services may be medically necessary for a beneficiary, the certified VPP assesses the beneficiary's needs for community violence prevention services based on information from the beneficiary and other appropriate individuals, including, but not limited to, family and other natural supports, health providers, and other relevant individuals. Based on the assessment, if it is determined there is a need for community violence prevention services, the certified VPP prepares an individualized service plan for the beneficiary based on that person's unique needs, which may be updated as required.

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C. Service Description

Community violence prevention services are evidence-based, trauma-informed, supportive and non-psychotherapeutic services provided by a certified violence prevention professional in any appropriate setting; such services are provided for the purpose of promoting improved health outcomes and positive behavioral change, preventing further injury and future violence. The services are tailored for each person based on the individualized service plan.

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1. Entity Qualifications: The billing provider entity must meet all of the following criteria:
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   b. Have experience providing community violence prevention services in Connecticut for at least twelve months;
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13.c. Preventive Services

(3) Community Violence Prevention Services

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of community violence prevention services. The agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2022 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website: https://www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to “Provider,” then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download,” then select the applicable fee schedule.