

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT REGULATIONS
REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-10 of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to amend sections 17b-262-522 to 17b-262-533 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Effective January 7, 2017, the Department, in accordance with section 17b-10 of the Connecticut General Statutes, will implement and operate under the proposed policies while it is in the process of adopting the policies as regulations.

Statement of Purpose:

(A) The purpose of the regulation is to bring the state into compliance with 42 CFR 455.410, which provides that states shall require all physicians or other professionals providing services under the State plan or under a waiver of the plan to be enrolled as participating providers.

(B) The proposed regulation includes revisions to certain definitions to ensure that all providers rendering services to eligible Medicaid clients under all of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Programs, including Medicaid, Medicaid waiver programs and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are enrolled with the agency by signing a provider enrollment agreement. It also revises provider billing requirements to provide for the use of an electronic visit verification system by certain providers and updates the regulation to be consistent with the department's requirement that all claims be filed electronically. Technical changes were necessary to other sections due to the revisions to certain definitions.

(C) The legal effects of the regulation: The proposed amendments require that all providers who provide services to eligible Medicaid clients enroll in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program and comply with the provider enrollment regulations.

A copy of the complete text of this regulation is available on the Department of Social Services' website at <http://www.ct.gov/dss> by selecting "Publications," then "Policies and Regulations," then "Notices of Intent, Operational Policies, and Proposed Regulations." In addition, copies of the proposed regulation, as well as the small business impact and regulatory flexibility analysis, may be obtained at no cost by request to the Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105; email: melanie.dillon@ct.gov.

The statutory authority for the proposed regulation is sections 17b-10 and 17b-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Public comments must be submitted during the time period from January 7, 2017 through February 6, 2017.

Interested persons may send the Department written comments about this regulation during the public comment period using one of the following methods:

- (A) Online at the Connecticut eRegulations System, <http://eregulations.ct.gov>. Select “Open for Public Comment” then select this regulation or search for this regulation on the Connecticut eRegulations System. Then follow instructions for submitting comments;
- (B) Email: brenda.parrella@ct.gov; or
- (C) U.S. Mail or Express Delivery Service to: Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06105, Attention: Brenda Parrella, Director.

When submitting comments and other correspondence, please reference “DSS Regulation PR2017-001 – Requirements for Provider Participation in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program

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 posting of this notice.

When submitting correspondence, please refer to Regulation Tracking Number PR2017-001