## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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November 4, 2024

Senator John A. Kissel, Co-Chair Representative Lucy Dathan, Co-Chair Senator James J. Maroney, Ranking Member Representative Christie M. Carpino, Ranking Member Regulation Review Committee Hartford, CT 06106

RE: DSS Regulation PR2022-002 - Maternity Bundled Payment

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Regulation Review Committee,

Pursuant to section 4-170(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, DSS submits for the Legislative Regulation Review Committee's (LRRC) approval proposed regulations that *amend* sections 17b-262-338 and 348, 17b-262-574 and 584, and 17b-262-608 and 617 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The proposed regulation establishes requirements for the maternity bundled payment, which is a bundled payment methodology for maternity care for Medicaid members, including prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum phases, to improve maternal health and birth outcomes. The maternity bundled payment enhances financial incentives for maternity providers to manage high quality care and costs during the perinatal period with an emphasis on reducing health disparities and improving the member's maternity care experience.

DSS published public notice for these proposed regulations and written public comments were received. On September 12, 2024, DSS published notice of its decision to take action on the proposed regulation. On November 4, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient.

If you or your staff need additional information about this proposed regulation, please contact William Halsey, Medicaid Director at William.Halsey@ct.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Barton Reeves, J.D.

Commissioner, CT Department of Social Services

cc: William Halsey