

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT REGULATIONS  
Requirements for Payment of Dental Services**

In accordance with sections 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Department of Social Services (the “Department”) gives notice that pursuant to the authority of sections 17b-262, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department intends to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by adding provisions concerning the requirements for payment of dental services. A description of the proposed regulations, a statement of the purposes for which they are proposed, and information concerning when, where and how interested parties may present views on and obtain copies of the proposed regulations is provided below.

**Description of the Proposed Regulation:** The proposed regulation establishes new regulatory provisions concerning Medicaid reimbursement for dental services.

**Statement of Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed regulation is to establish, in regulation form, the requirements governing payment of dental services for individuals covered by the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program.

**(A) The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address:** The current policy, found in the Department’s Medical Services Policy Manual is outdated and requires both technical and substantive changes to accurately reflect current policy and practice.

**(B) The main provisions of the regulation:** 1) Define necessary terms; (2) describe the services covered, service limitations, required provider qualifications and services not covered; (3) describe prior authorization requirements; (4) identify billing and payment rules; (5) describe documentation requirements; and (6) provide guidelines for marketing.

**(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws:** The legal effect of the regulation is to put in regulation form the Department’s current policies and procedures regarding the payment of dental services provided to members of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program.

**Procedure for Submitting Comments on the Proposed Regulation** Public comments must be submitted during the time period from October 20, 2017 through December 21, 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: [melanie.dillon@ct.gov](mailto:melanie.dillon@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: Melanie A. Dillon, Esq.

When submitting comments and other correspondence, please reference “DSS Regulation PR2015-132 - Requirements for Payment of Dental Services

### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing regarding this regulation is scheduled for Thursday December 14, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1011.

Please note that parking is limited and plan to arrive early to ensure additional time for parking. Limited visitor parking is available across the street at 50 Farmington Avenue. Please visit <http://www.hartford.com/parking> for information about other parking options.

When submitting correspondence, please refer to Regulation Tracking Number PR2015-132.

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](mailto:melanie.dillon@ct.gov).