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TO: All Providers

RE: New Eligibility Groups State HUSKY A and HUSKY B

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify providers about two new state funded health coverage programs for children, regardless of immigration status, scheduled to take effect on **January 1, 2023**.

Immigrants who do not have a legal immigration status are less likely than U.S. citizens to have health care coverage. This is in part due to fewer interactions with the health care system, and the impact of past immigration policies. Children's access to health care is critical to society, for reasons that stretch beyond children's immediate health and well-being. Whether or not children can access high quality health care has implications for their ability to perform in school, to participate in the workforce as adults, and for the prevalence of high-cost chronic conditions among adults in the future.

The Connecticut General Assembly enacted legislation (PA [21-176](#), § 1 & 3) to help address issues with access to health care by immigrant populations. Pursuant to this legislation, as amended by PA [22-118](#), § 232 – 233, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be adding state funded eligibility groups, i.e., State HUSKY A for Children and State HUSKY B for Children, effective **January 1, 2023**. These new coverage groups will allow children ages 0-12 who are not citizens or qualified non-citizens (that is, individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status, e.g., those without a legal immigration status or “undocumented” individuals) to receive the equivalent of full Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits, respectively. If enrolled in one of the new state funded groups

for at least one day prior to age 13, children will be eligible to apply or renew coverage in the State HUSKY A or State HUSKY B groups through the age of 18 even if there was a gap in coverage.

The income limit for State HUSKY A for Children will be the same as the limit for HUSKY A for Children under Medicaid, i.e., up to 201% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The income limit for State HUSKY B for Children will mirror HUSKY B for Children Band 1 under CHIP, with income above 201% FPL up to 254% FPL, and HUSKY B for Children Band 2, with income above 254% FPL up to 323% FPL.

Enrollment

Providers can advise an individual to apply for this program by contacting Access Health CT by phone at 1-855-805-4325. Individuals may also apply in person at a DSS Service Center location.

For more information visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/New-State-HUSKY-A-and-HUSKY-B-for-Children-Health-Coverage>.

Enrollment will begin **January 1, 2023**. Applications for this coverage can be submitted on or after **January 1, 2023**.

Eligibility Verification

The Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) will return the following response for individuals eligible for State

HUSKY A for Children: “HUSKY A.” The AEVS response for individuals eligible for State HUSKY B for Children will be “HUSKY B.”

Services Covered

Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for State HUSKY A for Children will be able to receive the same services (i.e., medical, including prescription drugs, dental, non-emergency medical transportation, and behavioral health) currently covered by HUSKY A for Children under Medicaid.

Similarly, individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for State HUSKY B for Children will be able to receive the same services (i.e., medical, including prescription drugs, dental and behavioral health) presently covered by HUSKY B for Children Bands 1 & 2 under CHIP.

Co-payments/Cost Share

State HUSKY B for Children Band 1 enrollees will be subject to co-pays or co-insurance. State HUSKY B for Children Band 2 enrollees will be subject to premiums and co-payments or co-insurance.

Providers should collect a co-payment for the codes listed on the applicable HUSKY B fee schedule as the co-payment amount will be deducted from the allowed amount on the claim submitted. Rarely, children who incur 5% of their family’s annual income in out-of-pocket cost-sharing expenses will become exempt from further cost-sharing requirements for the remainder of their eligibility period. In this case, they will be issued a new member ID card that indicates no-sharing required. Their claims will be processed in full.

Claims Submission

Providers should continue to submit claims electronically to Gainwell Technologies for

individuals eligible under State HUSKY A and State HUSKY B.

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Responsible Unit:

For questions related to eligibility: DSS Medical Eligibility Policy at EligPolicy.DSS@ct.gov.

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