



**Connecticut Department of Social Services  
Medical Assistance Program  
Provider Bulletin**

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**TO: All Providers and Managed Care Organizations**

**SUBJECT: Enhanced Fee Schedules Now Available!**

The Department of Social Services and EDS are pleased to announce that enhanced fee schedules are now available to providers. The fee schedules have been enhanced to provide different formats that can be easily viewed, downloaded and manipulated, and that have historical rate data. Fee schedules can be viewed on the Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) by selecting Provider > Provider Fee Schedule Download. Once on this page, the list of available enhanced fee schedules and their formats are displayed. Additional instructions are also located on this Web page by clicking on Help in the upper right corner.

Additionally, quick links on the right hand side of the page allow the user to:

- 1) View detailed fee schedule instructions
- 2) View fee schedules produced prior to November 1, 2008

Note: The fee schedule instructions provide a crosswalk from historical to enhanced fee schedules. Providers should use this to assist them in determining their appropriate enhanced fee schedule.

The available fee schedule formats are now as follows:

- PDF – Portable Document Format – Fee schedules in this format (easily viewed and printed with free Adobe Acrobat Reader) contain footnoted information pertaining to some specific policies related to the procedure codes. This is an image that cannot be sorted or modified in any way. This document can be saved to your PC. To open a fee schedule in this format, simply click on the PDF link next to the appropriate fee schedule. This is currently the only version that will give you the footnoted information, including what procedures require prior authorization.
- HTML – HyperText Mark-up Language – This is the language that the Web uses to display data. Fee schedules in this format are sorted by procedure within rate type code order. Rate type is used to further define the type of rate for the Provider Fee schedule. This is a Web page that cannot be sorted or modified in any way. However, you can easily find a procedure code using the “Find” feature. The HTML format provides a good search tool without having to download a file. The HTML link can be added to your Internet “Favorites”. To open a fee schedule in this format, simply click on the HTML link next to the appropriate fee schedule. You must refer to the PDF version to view footnotes pertaining to specific policies.
- CSV – Comma Separated Values – A CSV file type can be opened in Microsoft Excel or other spreadsheet programs. This file type is available to providers in the event that providers would like to use the fee schedule data for any necessary calculations. This fee schedule format can be manipulated as any other Excel document, with available spreadsheet features such as sorting, filtering, and adding columns. To open the CSV file, ensure you have closed out of the PDF or HTML format. To open a fee schedule in this format, click on the CSV link next to the appropriate fee schedule. You must refer to the PDF version to view footnotes pertaining to specific policies.

To reference provider bulletins with additional important fee schedule information, navigate to the Information page of the Web site by selecting Information > Publications and use the Publication Search feature to find provider bulletins for your provider type.

For comprehensive policy information, please refer to Chapter 7 of the Provider Manual. To reference provider manuals, navigate to the Information page of the Web site by clicking on Information > Publications > Provider Manuals to find the provider manual for your provider type and click the “View Chapter 7” button.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com)  
Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center -  
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

In-state toll free ..... **800-842-8440** or

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