

PROVIDER ALERT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP)

PROGRAM UPDATE

Issued On August 5, 2010

Important Notice Regarding: GA Claims Recoupment

Pursuant to section 2001 (a)(40)(A) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) Program has been discontinued and individuals formerly covered under SAGA are now covered under Medicaid effective April 1, 2010. Providers were instructed in late June that Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH®) would stop processing claims for Medicaid-covered services after 6/30/10. Providers were also advised that DMHAS would initiate a recoupment process for claims paid by DMHAS for Medicaid covered services provided on or after 4/1/10.

The recoupment process will be initiated no later than Friday, August 13, 2010 for all Medicaid covered service claims paid for dates of service on or after 4/1/10. Providers will receive a letter of notification indicating the total recoupment amount. The letter will also contain detailed information about how the provider may access and download the claim-line detail report for all claims that were recouped for their organization. The claim-line detail report will be posted in a Microsoft Excel format and will contain all the data elements included in a routine Explanation of Benefits statement. If providers experience any difficulty in accessing the claim-line detail report via the secure web link, please contact ABH at (800) 606-3677, Option 2.

Methadone maintenance providers will retain SAGA payments for claims with dates of service between March 28, 2010 and April 3, 2010.

Further details regarding the recoupment process will be included in the notification letter to be sent to providers by August 13, 2010.

Additional information about the GA conversion to Medicaid is available on the DMHAS website at: <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?a=2901&q=459450>. If you have additional questions or concerns related to the recoupment of claims, please contact William Halsey at DMHAS at (860) 418-6747 or via email at William.Halsey@po.state.ct.us.