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General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP)

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Medicaid Expansion Approved by CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Connecticut's state plan amendment to expand Medicaid coverage to low income adults on June 21, 2010, making it the first state in the nation to take up this new option. Connecticut estimates that approximately 45,000 adults will become eligible for Medicaid under this health reform expansion. Prior to passage of the new health care law, many uninsured adults in Connecticut received coverage through a state-funded program, known as State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA).

Federal participation in funding this coverage expansion will be made available to the state retroactive to April 1, 2010, when the federal funding first became available.

Detailed communication to SAGA behavioral health providers will be forthcoming from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). Individuals who are receiving SAGA will receive a direct communication from the Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding the conversion from SAGA to Medicaid.

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