

130 CMR 425.000: PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

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425.401: Introduction

130 CMR 425.000 contains regulations governing psychiatric inpatient hospital services under MassHealth. All psychiatric inpatient hospitals participating in MassHealth must comply with the MassHealth regulations, including, but not limited to, 130 CMR 425.000 and 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations*.

425.402: Definitions

The following terms used in 130 CMR 425.000 will have the meanings given in 130 CMR 425.402 unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.

Administrative Day. A day of inpatient hospitalization on which a member's care needs can be met in a less intensive setting than a psychiatric inpatient hospital, as defined in 130 CMR 425.402, and on which a member is clinically ready for discharge, but an appropriate institutional or noninstitutional setting is not readily available.

Case Manager. An area-based coordinator of services employed by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) or, where appropriate, the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), or the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS). A tool that provides a standardized way to organize information gathered during behavioral-health clinical assessments. A Massachusetts version of the tool has been developed and is intended to be used as a treatment decision support tool for behavioral-health providers serving MassHealth members younger than 21 years old.

Day of Discharge. The day on which a member leaves the hospital regardless of the hour. The day of death is also considered the day of discharge. A leave of absence is not considered a discharge.

Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment. Treatment that encompasses multidisciplinary assessments and multimodal interventions. 24-hour skilled nursing care, daily medical care, provided by either a board certified psychiatrist, Psychiatric-mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Psychiatric-mental Health Nurse Practitioner, under supervision of a board certified psychiatrist, and a structured treatment milieu are required.

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Mental Illness. Mental and emotional disorders as defined in the current *International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-CM)* or the *American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)*, and manifested by impaired functioning in behavior, feeling, thinking, or judgment to the extent that the affected person, or someone else, can observe that the person affected is unable to fulfill reasonable personal and social expectations.

Multidisciplinary Treatment Team. A team of mental-health professionals employed by or under contract with a psychiatric inpatient hospital that provides services to members in the facility. The team must include, at a minimum, a board-eligible or board-certified psychiatrist and one of the following:

- (1) an independent licensed clinical social worker;
- (2) a licensed registered nurse with specialized psychiatric training or at least one year's experience treating mentally ill individuals;
- (3) an occupational therapist who is licensed and who has specialized psychiatric training or at least one year's experience treating mentally ill individuals; or
- (4) a psychologist who has a master's degree in clinical psychology, or a closely related field such as counseling psychology, or who has been certified either by the state in which the psychiatric inpatient hospital is located or by that state's psychological association.

Private Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital. Any private psychiatric facility that is

- (1) licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (if in-state), or by the governing or licensing agency in its state (if out-of-state);
- (2) accredited by the Joint Commission; and
- (3) is primarily engaged in treating persons, whose principal diagnosis is based on the current ICD-CM or the current DSM.

Primarily Engaged in Treating means that over a six-month period inpatient care has been provided to a patient population of which over 50% consistently have a principal diagnosis that is psychiatric.

Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital. A private psychiatric inpatient hospital or a state-operated psychiatric inpatient hospital.

Screening Team. An independent team that certifies the need for services for members younger than 21 years old. The team includes, but may not be limited to, a physician, and must

- (1) be competent in diagnosing and treating mental illness in children; and
- (2) have knowledge of the member's condition.

State-operated Psychiatric Hospital. A hospital that is accredited by a recognized accreditation body such as the Joint Commission and is operated by the Department of Mental Health pursuant to M.G.L. chs. 19 and 123.

Treatment Plan. A documented written plan developed for each member by the hospital multidisciplinary treatment team with the goal of improving the member's condition to the extent that inpatient care is no longer necessary.

Working Days. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

425.403: Eligible Members

(A)(1) MassHealth Members. MassHealth covers psychiatric inpatient hospital services only when provided to eligible MassHealth members, subject to the restrictions and limitations described in the MassHealth regulations. 130 CMR 450.105: *Coverage Types* specifically states, for each MassHealth coverage type, which services are covered and which members are eligible to receive those services.

(2) Recipients of the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Program. For information on covered services for recipients of the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Program, see 130 CMR 450.106: *Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Program*.

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(B) For information on verifying member eligibility and coverage type, *see* 130 CMR 450.107: *Eligible Members and the MassHealth Card*.

425.404: Exclusion of MassHealth Managed Care Members

130 CMR 425.000 does not apply to members participating in a MassHealth managed care plan. Participation in a MassHealth managed care plan is subject to change. Providers are responsible to verify member status on a daily basis. For more information, *see* 130 CMR 450.117: *Managed Care Participation*.

425.405: Provider Eligibility

Payment for the services described in 130 CMR 425.000 will be made only to psychiatric inpatient hospitals participating in MassHealth on the date of service.

- (A) In State. To participate in MassHealth, an in-state psychiatric inpatient hospital must
- (1) be a state-operated psychiatric inpatient hospital; or
 - (2) be a private psychiatric inpatient hospital meeting all of the following criteria:
 - (a) has a signed provider agreement that specifies a payment methodology with the MassHealth agency;
 - (b) is licensed as a hospital by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH);
 - (c) is accredited by The Joint Commission;
 - (d) participates in the Medicare program.

- (B) Out of State. To participate in MassHealth, an out-of-state private psychiatric inpatient hospital must
- (1) obtain a MassHealth provider number;
 - (2) be licensed by the governing or licensing agency in its state;
 - (3) be accredited by The Joint Commission;
 - (4) participate in that state's Medicaid program; and
 - (5) participate in the Medicare program.

See 130 CMR 425.410 for limitations on services covered when provided in an out-of-state psychiatric hospital.

425.406: Admission Criteria for Members Younger than 21 Years Old

(A) A screening team must screen a member younger than 21 years old prior to admission to a psychiatric inpatient hospital or prior to conversion to MassHealth, as defined in 130 CMR 425.402. The screening team will determine and certify whether the admission is medically necessary.

- (B) To demonstrate the necessity of a psychiatric inpatient hospital admission for a member younger than 21 years old, the following conditions must be met:
- (1) the member must have mental illness;
 - (2) the member must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) be dangerous to himself or herself;
 - (b) be dangerous to others; or
 - (c) be unable to care for himself or herself; and
 - (3) the moment-to-moment medical observation or clinical management required cannot be provided in a less restrictive setting.

(C) Court-ordered admissions are exempt from the admission criteria stated in 130 CMR 425.406(A) and (B).

425.407: Admission Criteria for Members 21 Years of Age or Older

A member 21 years of age or older must meet all of the following conditions of medical necessity:

- (A) demonstrate symptomatology consistent with a diagnosis listed in the current edition of the DSM, and that such symptomatology requires and will respond to therapeutic intervention;
- (B) be cleared for treatment in a nonmedical, nonsurgical treatment environment;
- (C) require 24-hour medical, psychiatric, and nursing services that can appropriately be provided only at an acute level of hospital care;
- (D) have a psychiatric condition that results in serious dysfunction, such as increased suicidal gestures, assaultiveness, or sudden inability to provide self-care, that endangers the member or others; and
- (E) present conditions that can reasonably be expected to improve to the extent that psychiatric inpatient hospital services will no longer be needed or further regression of the member's condition will be prevented.

425.408: Payment Methodology

- (A) In State. Payments to in-state private psychiatric inpatient hospitals for services furnished to MassHealth members will equal the rate established in the signed provider contract with the MassHealth agency.
- (B) Out of State. Payment to out-of-state private psychiatric inpatient hospitals will be the Massachusetts state-wide average *per diem* rate or administrative day rate established by the MassHealth agency for in-state private psychiatric inpatient hospitals.

425.409: Nonreimbursable Services

The following services are not reimbursable:

- (A) drugs and durable medical equipment prescribed for take-home use that are readily available from pharmacies or medical providers;
- (B) the cost of any treatment or testing of a member or of a specimen from a member who is not an inpatient in the psychiatric inpatient hospital;
- (C) room-and-board services on the day of discharge (unless the day of discharge is also the day of admission);
- (D) leave-of-absence days;
- (E) research or the provision of experimental or unproven procedures;
- (F) private hospital rooms, except when medically necessary; and
- (G) services furnished by the emergency room or outpatient department on the day of admission, during the inpatient stay, or on the day of discharge.

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425.410: Service Limitations

- (A) Members younger than 21 years old must be prescreened by a screening team or be admitted under court order, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 123, §§ 7, 8, 12(a), and 12(b).
- (B) Out-of-state psychiatric inpatient hospital services are covered only as provided in 130 CMR 450.109: *Out-of-state Services*.

425.411: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

The MassHealth agency pays for all medically necessary psychiatric inpatient hospital services for EPSDT-eligible members in accordance with 130 CMR 450.140: *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services: Introduction*.

425.412: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Certification

The following clinicians are eligible to administer the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) in psychiatric inpatient hospitals and must be certified every two years, according to the process established by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS):

- (A) psychiatrists and psychiatric residents;
- (B) Child/Adolescent or Adult Psychiatric-mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist-board Certified (PMHCNS-BC) or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-board Certified (PMHNP-BC);
- (C) psychologists who have a specialization in clinical or counseling psychology;
- (D) social workers who have a master's degree in social work from an accredited educational institution; and
- (E) counselors who have a master's degree in counseling education, counseling psychology, or rehabilitation psychology from an accredited educational institution.

425.413: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Data Reporting

For each Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) conducted, the hospital must report data collected during the assessment to the MassHealth agency, in the manner and format specified by the MassHealth agency.

425.415: Notification and Right of Appeal

- (A) The MassHealth agency or its agent will send a written notification of approval or denial to the member and to the medical practitioner or facility who submitted the request for psychiatric inpatient hospital services. If authorization for psychiatric inpatient hospital services is denied, the notification will inform the member and the medical practitioner or facility of the reason for the denial, the member's right to appeal, and the appeal process.
- (B) Following the decision of the MassHealth agency or its agent to deny services in a psychiatric inpatient hospital, a member may appeal by requesting a fair hearing from the MassHealth agency. The request for a fair hearing must be made, in writing, within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the denial. The appeal procedure and fair hearing will be administered and conducted by the Board of Hearings in accordance with 130 CMR 610.000: *MassHealth: Fair Hearing Rules*.

425.416: Treatment Plan

- (A) The hospital multidisciplinary treatment team must develop and implement a written treatment plan for each member. For members younger than 21 years old, the treatment plan must be developed in conjunction with any case managers the member may have from DMH, DCF, DYS, or DDS. The treatment plan must

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- (1) be developed and reviewed with the fullest possible participation of the member, his or her designated representative or guardian, if any, and individuals in whose care the member will be released after discharge;
- (2) be based on the findings of an initial assessment;
- (3) be based on a diagnostic evaluation that includes examination of the medical, psychological, social, behavioral, and developmental aspects of the member's situation and that reflects the need for psychiatric inpatient hospital care;
- (4) state long- and short-range goals;
- (5) state, with specific and measurable terms and time frames, treatment objectives that include changes that must occur in order to discharge the patient;
- (6) prescribe an integrated program of therapies, activities, and experiences designed to meet the treatment objectives;
- (7) specifically identify the psychiatric symptoms that require psychiatric inpatient hospital care rather than treatment in a less-restrictive setting;
- (8) be developed and implemented within three calendar days of admission;
- (9) include an initial determination of the member's expected length of stay in the facility and the anticipated discharge plan, that is coordinated with outpatient and community providers;
- (10) include written documentation in the member's record that the member, his or her legal guardian, and family members are given the opportunity to participate in the development and modification of the treatment plan and the psychiatric treatment itself, through participation in family therapy as clinically indicated, and to attend treatment plan meetings as clinically appropriate and according to the bounds of consent; and
- (11) when appropriate, include indications of the need for DMH Continuing Care Services or for services from other state agencies, or both.

(B) The treatment plan for each member must be reviewed, and revised if necessary, by the hospital interdisciplinary review team every seven days from the date of admission to determine that psychiatric services being provided are required on an inpatient basis. If the member's length of stay is less than seven days, the review must be performed at the time of discharge.

(C) The treatment plan must be documented in the member's medical record, as set forth in 130 CMR 425.423.

425.417: Conditions for Continuing Care

(A) To continue to qualify for psychiatric inpatient hospital services, members must continue to meet the admission criteria described in 130 CMR 425.406 or 425.407, whichever is applicable, or meet one of the conditions in 130 CMR 425.417(B). Members who are younger than 21 years old must also be reviewed by a screening team prior to the 30th day after admission and every 30 days thereafter.

(B) Additional Conditions. The following additional conditions qualify a member 21 years of age or older to continue to receive psychiatric inpatient hospital services, even if the member does not qualify under 130 CMR 425.417(A):

- (1) the persistence of conditions that necessitated admission, despite therapeutic efforts, or the emergence of additional problems consistent with the admissions criteria in 130 CMR 425.406 or 425.407;
- (2) a severe reaction to medication; or
- (3) a need for stabilization of psychiatric conditions, integration of gains, or preparation for transition to outpatient care or a residential setting.

425.418: Discharge Planning

(A) The psychiatric inpatient hospital must assign, in writing, the responsibility for all member discharge planning to one department (such as social services or continuing care).

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(B) Admission data, including but not limited to age and diagnosis, must be screened by discharge-planning staff within 24 hours of admission in accordance with written criteria that identify pertinent patient characteristics and any high-risk diagnoses. Discharge-planning activities must then commence within three working days of admission for every member expected to require post-hospital care or services. Admission data must be noted in the member's record by the discharge-planning department. The written criteria used to screen members must be available to the MassHealth agency.

(C) The hospital's discharge-planning staff and interdisciplinary review team must coordinate and document, in writing, a plan for each member who requires post-hospital care. Such plan must be prepared by the hospital's interdisciplinary review team, in conjunction with any primary care provider, DMH, DCF, DYS, or DDS case managers, and must ensure continuity of care with the member's family, school, and community upon discharge. The plan must also specify the services and care required by the member and the frequency, intensity, and duration of such services, including available family and community support. The plan must be updated if the member's condition changes significantly. The hospital must ensure that a clinician certified in accordance with 130 CMR 425.412 completes a CANS during the discharge planning process for members younger than 21 years old.

(D) The hospital must have a written policy that allows discharge-planning staff access to all members and their medical records. If such access is clinically contraindicated, the member's psychiatrist must sign a statement specifying the reason for the contraindication and the hospital must maintain the statement in the member's medical and discharge-planning records.

(E) Unless clinically contraindicated, the hospital's discharge-planning staff or interdisciplinary review team must contact the member's family to involve them in planning the member's discharge. To this end, family members must be informed of the discharge options and community resources available to the member and provided with lists of community resources in the area.

(F) Each visit to a member or meeting with the family by a member of the discharge-planning staff must be noted in the member's discharge-planning record. The notation must include the date of the meeting, all discharge options discussed, any problems raised and plans for addressing them, all agreements reached with the member, and additional steps required for the discharge-planning staff to prepare the member for discharge.

425.420: Reimbursable Administrative Days

(A) The MassHealth agency pays a private psychiatric inpatient hospital for a continued length of stay of up to 30 administrative days, as defined in 130 CMR 425.402. For members younger than 21 years old and members 65 years of age or older, the MassHealth agency may pay a private psychiatric inpatient hospital for administrative days exceeding the 30-day limit where the hospital can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the MassHealth agency or its agent, that the hospital has

- (1) experienced extraordinary difficulty in placing the member, including the specific reasons for such extraordinary difficulty; and
- (2) exhaustively explored all potential appropriate placements.

(B) An administrative day, as defined in 130 CMR 425.402, is reimbursable only if a hospital is making regular efforts to move the member to a less intensive level of care. These efforts must be documented according to the procedures described in 130 CMR 450.205: *Recordkeeping and Disclosure*. The regulations covering discharge-planning standards described in 130 CMR 425.418 must be followed, but they do not preclude additional, effective discharge-planning activities.

(C) Examples of situations that may require hospital stays at an administrative-day level include, but are not limited to, the following.

- (1) A member is awaiting transfer to a nursing facility or any other institutional placement, and no appropriate nursing-facility bed is available.

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- (2) A member is awaiting arrangement of residential, social, psychiatric, or medical services by a public or private agency.
- (3) A member is awaiting results of a report of abuse or neglect made to any public agency charged with the investigation of such reports.
- (4) A member in the custody of the Department of Children and Families is awaiting foster care when other temporary living arrangements are unavailable or inappropriate.
- (5) A member cannot be treated or maintained at home because the primary caregiver is absent due to a medical or psychiatric crisis, and a substitute caregiver is not available.

425.421: Nonreimbursable Administrative Days

Administrative days are not reimbursable when

- (A) an appropriate placement is currently available, but the hospital has not transferred or discharged the member because of the hospital's administrative or operational delays;
- (B) the MassHealth agency or its agent determines that appropriate noninstitutional or institutional placement or services are available within a reasonable distance of the member's noninstitutional (customary) residence and the member, the member's family, or any person legally responsible for the member refuses the placement or services; or
- (C) the MassHealth agency or its agent determines that appropriate noninstitutional or institutional placement or services are available within a reasonable distance of the member's noninstitutional (customary) residence and advises the hospital of the determination, and the hospital or the physician refuses or neglects to discharge the member.

425.423: Recordkeeping Requirements

- (A) A record must be established and maintained for each member that is consistent with current professional standards. The record must include the following documents, if applicable:
 - (1) the screening certification from a screening team, as described in 130 CMR 425.406, or appropriate court documentation for court-ordered admissions, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 123, §§ 7, 8, 12a, and 12b;
 - (2) the treatment plan, as described in 130 CMR 425.416;
 - (3) documentation from the hospital interdisciplinary review team supporting the need for continuing care, as described in 130 CMR 425.417;
 - (4) the discharge plan, as described in 130 CMR 425.418; and
 - (5) for members younger than 21 years old, a copy of the CANS completed during the discharge planning process.
- (B) No information from the medical record may be released to other providers without a signed authorization form from the member, or his or her legal guardian.
- (C) Psychiatric inpatient hospitals must adhere to all laws and regulations relating to recordkeeping requirements, including but not limited to the confidentiality regulations in 130 CMR 425.424 and the recordkeeping and disclosure requirements of 130 CMR 450.205: *Recordkeeping and Disclosure*.
- (D) A member's records must be maintained by the psychiatric inpatient hospital for a period of six years following the date of discharge.
- (E) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records is commenced prior to the expiration of the applicable retention period, all records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues resulting therefrom, or until the end of the applicable retention period, whichever is later.

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425.424: Confidentiality

(A) Psychiatric inpatient hospitals must comply with all state and federal laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and privacy.

(B) At all times, psychiatric inpatient hospitals must recognize the MassHealth agency's ownership of personal data (as defined in M.G.L. c. 66A, § 1) and other information deemed confidential by the Commonwealth.

(C) If any employee or subcontractor of a psychiatric inpatient hospital is involved with a member's personal data or other confidential information, the psychiatric inpatient hospital must inform the employee or subcontractor of the laws and regulations relating to confidentiality.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

130 CMR 425.000: M.G.L. c. 118E, §§ 7 and 12.