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TO: Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Jean C. Sullivan, Acting Commissioner
RE: **Clinical Review of Inpatient Claims**

Introduction

This is to remind acute inpatient hospitals that they must submit inpatient claims and medical records to the Division when all the following conditions exist:

- the medical record supports that the member was admitted for non-behavioral-health medical treatment;
 - the discharge (or principle) diagnosis is a behavioral-health diagnosis; and
 - the claim is for a MassHealth member enrolled on the service date(s) with the Division's behavioral health contractor.
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Procedure

A MassHealth clinician will review the record submitted by the hospital. If the clinician determines that the claim was for medical treatment, the claim will be processed and appear on a MassHealth remittance advice. If the clinician determines that the treatment provided was behavioral health, the claim will be returned with a letter of explanation.

A determination that the admission was for medical and not behavioral-health treatment is not a guarantee of payment. In order to be paid, the hospital must follow all other Division billing requirements including, but not limited to, timely submission of claims. In addition, the claim may be subject to prepayment and postpayment review in accordance with 130 CMR 450.209 and 450.235.

Claim Submission

The claim and accompanying medical record must be sent to:

Claims Operations Unit – Clinical Review
Division of Medical Assistance
600 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111

Questions

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact the MassHealth Provider Services Department at (617) 628-4141 or 1-800-325-5231.
