# Acute Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 205

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**TO:** Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

RE: MassHealth Coverage of Donor Human Milk and Human-Milk-Derived Products

## Overview

This bulletin outlines MassHealth coverage of donor human milk and human-milk-derived products as detailed in M.G.L. c 176B § 4YY.

## Changes Effective October 14, 2025

Effective October 14, 2025, and in accordance with [M.G.L. c 176B § 4YY](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-general-laws-c176b-ss-4yy), MassHealth coverage for medically necessary donor human milk and human-milk-derived products will be provided for infants, subject to the all of the following conditions.

The milk is obtained from a human milk bank that meets [quality guidelines](https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidelines-for-the-use-of-donor-human-milk-and-donor-human-milk-derived-products-pdf/download) established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

A licensed medical practitioner has issued a written order for the provision of the human breastmilk or donor human-milk-derived products for the covered infant.

The covered infant

* 1. is under the age of 6 months;
	2. is undergoing treatment in an inpatient setting for a congenital or acquired condition that places them at a high risk of developing necrotizing enterocolitis or a congenital or acquired condition that may benefit from the use of the human breastmilk as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; and
	3. is medically or physically unable to receive birthing parent breastmilk or participate in breastfeeding with the birthing parent, or has a birthing parent who is medically or physically unable to produce breast milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density despite receiving lactation support.

## Billing for Donor Human Milk and Human-Milk-Derived Products

To bill for donor human milk and human-milk-derived products, acute inpatient hospitals must use revenue code 220 when submitting claims to MassHealth.

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