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TO: Acute Outpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth
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RE: **Emergency Department Charges for Certain Behavioral Health Services**

Error Code 539

MassHealth will no longer deny claims for emergency department visits (billed with revenues code 450, 456, or 459) with error code 539 (Managed care service should be paid by Masshealth Behavioral Health Partnership) when the primary ICD-9-CM diagnosis on the claim form is in the "Mental Disorders" range (290-316).

This change applies to MassHealth members enrolled in the Primary Care Clinician Plan who receive Behavioral Health services through the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, and applies retroactively to claims with dates of service on and after October 1, 2004. Providers may resubmit claims that had previously been denied with this error code.

This bulletin relates to the message text on MassHealth pay cycle 1882 remittance advice.

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