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MassHealth
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TO: Adult Foster Care Providers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth
RE: *Adult Foster Care Manual* (Revisions to Service Codes and Descriptions)

Recently, MassHealth promulgated amendments to the MassHealth regulations for the Adult Foster Care (AFC) program at 130 CMR 408.000. This letter describes the billing requirements of alternative caregiver days (formerly alternative placement), and transmits a revised Subchapter 6, which changes the term “alternative placement” to “alternative caregiver day” and identifies new service code-modifier combinations required to bill for the Level I and II Medical Leave of Absence days (MLOA) and Non-Medical Leave of Absence days (NMLOA). These changes and code-modifiers are effective May 5, 2017.

Billing Requirements

AFC providers seeking payment for alternative caregiver days as defined in 130 CMR 408.402 and in accordance with 130 CMR 408.419(K), must bill with the approved service code and modifiers listed in Subchapter 6 of the *Adult Foster Care Manual*. Effective May 5, 2017, the term “alternative placement” will change to “alternative caregiver day.” AFC providers must continue to bill for AFC alternative caregiver days that correspond to the member’s assessed level of need. AFC providers may bill for alternative caregiver day services with Service Code S5140 and modifier TF for members assessed at Level I and Service Code S5140 with modifier U5 for members assessed at Level II.

Additionally, AFC providers seeking payment for MLOA and NMLOA days as defined in 130 CMR 408.402 and in accordance with 130 CMR 408.419(J), must bill with the approved service codes and modifiers listed in Subchapter 6 of the *Adult Foster Care Manual*. Effective May 5, 2017, AFC providers must bill for AFC MLOA and NMLOA that correspond to the member’s assessed level of need. AFC providers may bill for MLOA services with Service Code S5140 and modifier U6 for members assessed at Level I and Service Code S5140 with modifier TGU6 for members assessed at Level II. AFC providers may bill for NMLOA services with Service Code S5140 and modifier U7 for members assessed at Level I and Service Code S5140 with modifier TGU7 for members assessed at Level II.

Beginning May 31, 2017, the MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center will be open, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. LTSS Providers should direct their questions about this letter or other MassHealth LTSS Provider questions to the LTSS Third Party Administrator (TPA) as follows:

Method	Contact Information for MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center
Phone	Toll-free 1-844-368-5184
Email	support@masshealthltss.com
Portal	MassHealthLTSS.com
Mail	MassHealth LTSS PO Box 159108 Boston, MA 02215
Fax	1-888-832-3006
LTSS Provider Portal	Trainings, general information, and future enhancements will be available at www.MassHealthLTSS.com .

NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

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OBSOLETE MATERIAL

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Service

<u>Code</u>	<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
S5140		Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care personal care and administration; per diem, Level I)
S5140	TG	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care personal care and administration; per diem, Level II)
S5140	TF	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care short-term alternative caregiver day; per diem for caregiver, Level I)
S5140	U5	Foster care, adult; per diem (Adult foster care short-term alternative caregiver day; per diem for caregiver, Level II)
S5140	U6	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care MLOA day, Level I)
S5140	TGU6	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care MLOA day, Level II)
S5140	U7	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care NMLOA day, Level I)
S5140	TGU7	Foster care, adult; per diem (adult foster care NMLOA day, Level II)
T1028		Assessment of home, physical, and family environment, to determine suitability to meet patient's medical needs (adult foster care intake and assessment services rate; one-time payment per member per provider)

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