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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Monica Sawhney, Chief of Provider, Family, and Safety Net Programs

RE: *All Provider Manual: Amendments to 130 CMR 450.000*

Introduction

The regulations at 130 CMR 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations* have been updated. The amendments do the following.

- Update prior authorization requirements to align with process changes previously announced via [All Provider Bulletin 413](#).
- Update conditions of payment to require a provider listed on a claim to be enrolled in MassHealth only if state or federal law/rules require such enrollment.
- Clarify that providers participating in managed care are required to adhere to performance specifications and other requirements established in managed care entity provider contracts.
- Update hearing provisions to allow for discretionary vacating of a procedural dismissal of an administrative appeal at the Board of Hearings.
- Update referral exemption requirements for Primacy Care Clinician (PCC) and Primary Care Accountable Care Organization (PCACO) plans and update the provider eligibility criteria for those plans.
- Update the pay-for-performance language about notice and dispute procedures to apply more broadly to existing performance incentive payment programs.
- Clarify the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) and Preventive Pediatric Health Care Screening and Diagnosis (PPHSD) Programs.
- Allow MassHealth to require providers to obtain a separate national provider identifier (NPI) per service location and allow MassHealth to issue separate provider ID/service location numbers for separate service locations.
- Make other clarifying and administrative updates.

These regulations are effective July 31, 2026.

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New Material

The pages listed here contain new or revised language.

All Provider Manual

Pages i through 3-12

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

All Provider Manual

Pages i and 1-36—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-246

Pages ii, ii-a, 2-27 through 2-48, and 3-5 through 3-6—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-227

Pages iii, 3-1 through 3-4, and 3-7 through 3-14—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-220

Pages 1-1 through 1-6, 1-17 through 1-24, 1-39 through 1-44, and 2-1 through 2-24—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-224

Pages 1-7 through 1-16—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-250

Pages 1-25, 1-26, 1-29, and 1-30—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-226

Pages 1-27, 1-28, and 1-31 through 1-34—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-235

Page 1-35—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-234

Pages 1-37 and 1-38—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-231

Pages 2-25 and 2-26—transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-225

Please note: All-Provider Transmittal Letters for 130 CMR 450.000 no longer include pages for the updated regulation. These updates are on our [130 CMR 450.000: Administrative and Billing Regulations](#) page.