

Amended Notice of Final Agency Action

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Payment for Acute Hospital Services

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Office of Medicaid

This notice updates the effective dates for certain Rate Year 2017 (RY17) MassHealth acute outpatient hospital payment methods described in the MassHealth Notice of Final Agency Action published on or about September 29, 2016 (“Final RY17 Notice”).

EOHHS hereby announces that it is postponing the implementation of the previously-announced MassHealth in-state and out-of-state acute outpatient hospital Adjudicated Payment per Episode of Care (APEC) payment methodologies for a brief period. The previously-announced in-state and out-of-state acute outpatient hospital APEC methodologies will now be effective for dates of service on or after December 30, 2016, rather than December 1, 2016. As a result, the RY17 in-state and out-of-state acute outpatient hospital Payment Amount Per Episode (PAPE) payment methodologies will continue to apply for dates of service through and including December 29, 2016 (rather than November 30, 2016).

Other than the changes to the effective dates of the PAPE and APEC payment methodologies described above, the RY17 in-state and out-of-state acute hospital inpatient and outpatient payment methods, and the Hospitals’ rates and rate components, remain otherwise unaffected and are as set forth in the Final RY17 Notice. EOHHS estimates that there will be no fiscal impact resulting from the changes to the effective dates described above.

The Final RY17 Notice is available at www.mass.gov/masshealth (click on the link to “Other Resources and Publications” and the link to “Special Notices for Acute Hospitals” in the document entitled “Notice of Final Agency Action: MassHealth Payment for In-State Acute Hospital Services and Out-of-State Acute Hospital Services, effective October 1, 2016” under the heading Acute Hospital Rate Year 2017 Notices). For further information you may also contact Steven Sauter at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, MassHealth Office of Providers and Plans, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171 or at steven.sauter@state.ma.us.

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. c. 118E; St. 2016, c. 133; St. 2012, c. 224; 42 USC 1396a; 42 USC 1396b.

Related Regulations: 130 CMR 410, 415, 450; 42 CFR Parts 431 and 447.