

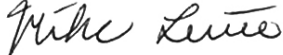


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## Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 103

**DATE:** March 2024

**TO:** Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

**RE:** **Temporary Suspension of Preadmission Screening Procedures for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospitals**

### Background

This bulletin, which supersedes [Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospital \(CDRIH\) Bulletin 95](#), notifies CDRIHs that effective January 9, 2024, MassHealth is temporarily suspending the requirement of Preadmission Screening for services rendered in a CDRIH, as described in provider regulation [130 CMR 435.408: Screening Program for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospitals](#).

### Temporary Suspension of Preadmission Screening for Services Rendered in a CDRIH

As described in greater detail below, due to ongoing disruptions to the healthcare delivery system, associated capacity challenges, and workforce shortages, MassHealth will not require preadmission screening of individuals seeking admission to a CDRIH **between January 9, 2024, and April 1, 2024** (temporary suspension period). Instead, a CDRIH may admit a member after submitting a notification of admission packet to MassHealth with the documentation described below.

A CDRIH seeking to admit a member during the temporary suspension period may admit the member after submitting a notification of admission packet to the MassHealth Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA) containing the following documentation:

- Admission notes for the member;
- clinical notes for the member covering their last three days in an acute inpatient hospital (documenting clinical and functional status); and
- CDRIH attestation of the member's needs.

Upon receipt of a notification of admission packet with the above required documentation, OCA will assign a "PAS number" to the member's admission for payment purposes.

## **CDRIH Admissions before January 9, 2024, and after April 1, 2024**

Providers must continue to submit requests for preadmission screening for admissions to a CDRIH in accordance with all applicable MassHealth regulations and guidance.

## **Continued Applicability of Concurrent and Retrospective Review**

Despite the flexibility described in this bulletin, all CDRIH services will continue to be subject to retrospective and concurrent reviews, in accordance with all MassHealth guidelines and regulations.

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