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

**FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: Revised Screening Process for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospitals**

**Background**

MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 435.000 establish conditions of payment for inpatient stays in a chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital. As specified in these regulations, chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital providers are required to submit requests for pre-admission screening (PAS), conversion screenings, and concurrent review to MassHealth or its designee.

**Operational Changes**

Effective December 3, 2018, providers are required to submit requests for PAS, conversion screenings and concurrent review online using the [Provider Online Service Center (POSC)](https://newmmis-portal.ehs.state.ma.us/EHSProviderPortal/providerLanding/providerLanding.jsf). PAS forms can be accessed from the POSC, or downloaded from the MassHealth website at [www.mass.gov/masshealth](https://www.mass.gov/topics/masshealth-initiatives).

For more information about submitting requests through the POSC, please visit [www.mass.gov/masshealth/providerservicecenter](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/providerservicecenter) or refer to [*All Provider Bulletin 190*](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/bull-2009/all-190.pdf)(May 2009).

In the event of a power outage, natural disaster, or other emergency, providers may call or fax requests using the contact information below.

**Telephone number:** (800) 554-5127

**Fax:** (800) 752-6334

For information on chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital admissions, conversion screenings and concurrent reviews, please refer to 130 CMR 435.408­–435.411.

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