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

**FROM:** Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: Introduction of Rate Year 2022 (RY22) Quality Performance Incentive Payments for Discharge Planning**

### **Introduction**

In response to ongoing challenges around patient discharge in Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation (CDR) Hospitals, MassHealth is implementing a new quality incentive payment for CDR hospitals in RY22 focused on discharge planning. To qualify for this payment, a CDR hospital must meet the criteria specified in this bulletin and certain reporting and documentation requirements.

### **Quality Performance Incentive Payments for Discharge Planning**

MassHealth is introducing Quality Performance Incentive Payments for Discharge Planning in RY2022. To qualify for this incentive payment, a CDR hospital must meet the following criteria:

1. be a CDR hospital other than a pediatric CDR hospital or nonacute chronic hospital with no fewer than 500 licensed beds as of June 30, 2005; with no fewer than 150,000 Medicaid patient days in the state fiscal year ended June 30, 2006; and with an established geriatric teaching program for physicians, medical students, and other health professionals;
2. be located in Massachusetts and serving MassHealth members;
3. demonstrate to EOHHS that it makes full and complete efforts to discharge MassHealth members; and
4. bill for administrative days during the 45-day nonpayment period using appropriate billing codes as designated by MassHealth.

### **Reporting and Documentation Requirements**

To qualify for the discharge planning incentive payment, a qualifying CDR hospital must also submit member and discharge-related information in the form and manner prescribed by EOHHS for each MassHealth member:

1. who entered the 45-day nonpayment period in the CDR hospital pursuant to 130 CMR 435.407 (G); and
2. for whom the hospital is seeking a Quality Performance Incentive Payment for Discharge Planning.

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The above referenced information must be submitted on a quarterly basis for any MassHealth members for whom the hospital is seeking a Quality Incentive Payment for Discharge Planning. For RY22, only information submitted according to the timeframes listed below will be accepted/reviewed.

<b>Nonpayment period</b>	<b>Forms must be submitted between:</b>
Nonpayment period ending in 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of RY22 (Oct – Dec 2021)	January 1, 2022 – March 30, 2022
Nonpayment period ending in 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of RY22 (Jan – Mar 2022)	April 1, 2022 – May 15, 2022
Nonpayment period ending in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of RY22 (Apr – Jun 2022)	July 1, 2022 – August 15, 2022
Nonpayment period ending in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of RY22 (Jul – Sep 2022)	October 1, 2022 – November 15, 2022

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<b>Method</b>	<b>Contact Information for MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center</b>
<b>Phone</b>	Toll-free <b>1-844-368-5184</b>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:support@masshealthltss.com">support@masshealthltss.com</a>
<b>Portal</b>	MassHealthLTSS.com
<b>Mail</b>	MassHealth LTSS PO Box 159108 Boston, MA 02215
<b>Fax</b>	<b>1-888-832-3006</b>
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