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# Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 96

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

**FROM**: Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Amanda Cassel Kraft]

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.

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.

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

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## Questions

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| **Method** | **Contact Information for MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center** |
| **Phone** | Toll-free **1-844-368-5184**  |
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| **Portal** | MassHealthLTSS.com |
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