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

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

**RE:** **Rate Year 2023 (RY23) Quality Performance Incentive Payments for Discharge Planning**

### **Introduction**

In response to ongoing challenges around patient discharge from Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation (CDR) hospitals, MassHealth will continue the Quality Performance Incentive Payments for Discharge Planning program for CDR hospitals in RY23. To qualify for this payment, a CDR hospital must meet the criteria specified in this bulletin and certain reporting and documentation requirements.

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 the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (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 quarterly for MassHealth members for whom the hospital is seeking a Quality Performance Payment for Discharge Planning. For FY23 only, information submitted according to the timeframe below will be accepted and reviewed.

<b>Nonpayment period</b>	<b>Forms must be submitted between:</b>
October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	January 1, 2023 – February 15, 2023
January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	April 1, 2023 – May 15, 2023
April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	July 1, 2023 – August 15, 2023
July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	October 1, 2023 – November 15, 2023

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