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TO: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Revision to Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Eligibility Requirements at 130 CMR 438.404(A)

Introduction

MassHealth is adding an accreditation option to its eligibility requirements for continuous skilled nursing (CSN) agencies established at 130 CMR 438.404(A). Under this guidance, an agency accredited as a provider of home care services by the Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP) may be eligible to participate in MassHealth as a MassHealth CSN agency provider. This bulletin does not affect other accreditation and certification options established at 130 CMR 438.404(A).

MassHealth will update the CSN agency provider regulations at [130 CMR 438.000: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency](#) to add the eligible CHAP accreditation. All other rules and requirements established under 130 CMR 438.000 remain unchanged.

Amended Provider Eligibility Requirement

As detailed in this bulletin, a provider may be eligible to participate in MassHealth as a MassHealth CSN agency provider if the agency is accredited or certified as a provider of

- 1) home health services by a CMS-approved accrediting organization, including one of the following: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Community Health Accreditation Partner, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and the agency meets all requirements of the CMS-approved accrediting organization; or
- 2) home care services by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care or the Community Health Accreditation Partner, and the agency meets all requirements of this accrediting organization; or
- 3) home health services under the Medicare program by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the agency meets all requirements within the Medicare Conditions of Participation for home health agency services.

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