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# Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Bulletin 8

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**TO**: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agencies Participating in MassHealth

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

RE: Enhanced Rates and Reporting Requirements for Certain Home-and Community-Based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act

## Introduction

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) established enhanced rates for certain home and community-based services (HCBS), including MassHealth-covered Home Health Agency (HHA) services and Continuous Skilled Nursing (CSN) services provided by a home health agency, under 101 CMR 453.00: *Enhanced Rates for Certain Home- and Community-Based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act* for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

EOHHS is extending enhanced rates for CSN services through June 30, 2023, or until such time that EOHHS updates 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Services* to make the 10% enhancement permanent. This bulletin extends the requirements of [Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Bulletin 1](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-provider-bulletins-by-provider-type-a-c#continuous-skilled-nursing-agency-), published in January 2022, sets forth the extension of these enhanced rates and billing instructions in effect for MassHealth-covered CSN services provided by an HHA or a CSN agency for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, and provides additional information about the required provider attestation and reporting requirements regarding use of the funds associated with the rate increase under 101 CMR 453.00.

## Enhanced CSN Rates and Billing Instructions for Dates of Service beginning July 1, 2022

### Enhanced Rates

To promote workforce development and strengthen the HCBS workforce during the continued federal public health emergency, rates for the following services were established in 101 CMR 453.00 at an amount 10% higher than the existing rates for these services as established in 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Services* for dates of services beginning July 1, 2022.

Enhanced Rates for CSN services provided by a Home Health or CSN Agency

| **Service Description** | **Code** | **Unit** | **Rate (Agency)** | **Add-on (Agency)** | **Total (Agency)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Weekday | T1002 | 15 minutes | $16.21 | $1.62 | $17.83 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Nights | T1002- UJ | 15 minutes | $17.22 | $1.72 | $18.94 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Holidays | T1002 | 15 minutes | $22.42 | $2.24 | $24.66 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 | 15 minutes | $13.37 | $1.34 | $14.71 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Nights | T1003- UJ | 15 minutes | $14.21 | $1.42 | $15.63 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 | 15 minutes | $18.60 | $1.86 | $20.46 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Weekday | T1002 TT | 15 minutes | $22.80 | $2.28 | $25.08 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Nights | T1002 U1 | 15 minutes | $24.28 | $2.43 | $26.71 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Holidays | T1002 TT | 15 minutes | $32.08 | $3.21 | $35.29 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 TT | 15 minutes | $18.90 | $1.89 | $20.79 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Nights | T1003 U1 | 15 minutes | $20.15 | $2.02 | $22.17 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 TT | 15 minutes | $26.75 | $2.68 | $29.43 |
| Three Patient RN Services, Weekday | T1002 U2 | 15 minutes | $27.24 | $2.72 | $29.96 |

| **Service Description** | **Code** | **Unit** | **Rate (Agency)** | **Add-on (Agency)** | **Total (Agency)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Three Patient RN Services, Nights | T1002 U3 | 15 minutes | $28.98 | $2.90 | $31.88 |
| Three Patient RN Services, Holidays | T1002 U2 | 15 minutes | $38.09 | $3.81 | $41.90 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 U2 | 15 minutes | $22.94 | $2.29 | $25.23 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Nights | T1003 U3 | 15 minutes | $24.41 | $2.44 | $26.85 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 U2 | 15 minutes | $32.11 | $3.21 | $35.32 |
| RN Services, Weekday (Overtime) | T1002 TU | 15 minutes | $22.42 | $2.24 | $24.66 |
| RN Services, Nights (Overtime) | T1002 U4 | 15 minutes | $23.92 | $2.39 | $26.31 |
| RN Services, Nights (Holidays) | T1002 TU | 15 minutes | $31.72 | $3.17 | $34.89 |
| LPN Services, Weekday (Overtime) | T1003 TU | 15 minutes | $18.60 | $1.86 | $20.46 |
| LPN Services, Nights (Overtime) | T1003 U4 | 15 minutes | $19.87 | $1.99 | $21.86 |
| LPN Services, Nights (Holidays) | T1003 TU | 15 minutes | $26.46 | $2.65 | $29.11 |

### Service Provision

All CSN services receiving enhanced funding must be delivered in accordance with all applicable program requirements and regulations as set forth in 130 CMR 438.000: *Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency.*

### Administrative and Billing Requirements

All existing provider billing processes will remain in effect during the period of enhanced funding. Providers must submit claims according to the policies and procedures set forth in applicable administrative and billing regulations and supporting guidance.

## Allowable Uses of Enhanced Funding

Providers are required to use at least 90% of enhanced funds for the specific purposes of recruiting, building, and retaining their direct care and support workforce.

EOHHS guidance about allowable uses of the enhanced funding, including eligible direct care and support staff and categories of compensation, is available at

[www.mass.gov/doc/for-masshealth-providers-home-and-community-based-service-enhanced-rate-add-ons-using-american-rescue-plan-act-arpa-funding/download.](http://www.mass.gov/doc/for-masshealth-providers-home-and-community-based-service-enhanced-rate-add-ons-using-american-rescue-plan-act-arpa-funding/download)

## Provider Attestation and Spending Report

As a condition of receipt of these additional funds, eligible provider agencies must complete an attestation assuring EOHHS that they will use at least 90% of the funds for HCBS workforce development and submit a spending report to EOHHS that accounts for how the enhanced funds were used.

Providers will be required to submit a spending report no later than December 31, 2022, to report on enhanced funds related to the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. A final spending report will be due December 31, 2023 and must account for enhanced funds related to the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

### Spending and Report Deadlines

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Rate Enhancement Period  | Funds Expended by | Spending Report Deadline |
| July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | December 31, 2022 |
| July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2023 |

EOHHS guidance about the provider attestation and spending report requirements is located at [www.mass.gov/info-details/strengthening-home-and-community-based-services-and-behavioral-health-services-using-american-rescue-plan-arp-funding](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/strengthening-home-and-community-based-services-and-behavioral-health-services-using-american-rescue-plan-arp-funding). Providers are encouraged to check this site regularly for updated information.

## Failure to Submit an Attestation or Spending Report

Providers may be subject to sanction for failure to submit an attestation form and/or spending report in accordance with the EOHHS guidance above, and pursuant to 130 CMR 450.238: *Sanctions: General* and 130 CMR 450.239: *Sanctions: Calculation of Administrative Fine*.

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## Questions

Providers may submit questions related to the enhanced funding and other questions related to this bulletin to ARPAMedicaidHCBS@mass.gov.

The MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center is also open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. LTSS Providers should direct their questions about this letter or other MassHealth LTSS Provider questions to the LTSS Third Party Administrator (TPA) as follows:

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