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Transmittal Letter CSN-4

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

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

**RE:** *Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Manual* (Revised Subchapter 6: Service Codes and Descriptions)

This letter transmits additions to the service code descriptions in Subchapter 6 of the *Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Manual*. Providers may bill with the service codes and service code/modifier combinations listed in this transmittal letter for any date of service within the billing deadlines described in 130 CMR 450.309: *Time Limitation on Submission of Claims: General Requirements* through 130 CMR 450.314: *Final Deadline for Submission of Claims*.

**New Codes**

T1002 U5Registered nurse (RN) services, up to 15 minutes (day) (use for 60-day RN assessment of complex care assistant services) (15-minute unit) (prior authorization [PA] required before start of care; use only concurrently with T1004)

T1004Services of a qualified nursing aide, up to 15 minutes (use for complex care assistant services) (15-minute unit) (PA required before start of care)

**Fee Schedule**

If you want to obtain a fee schedule, you may download the Executive Office of Health and Human Services regulations at no cost at [www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations). The rates for continuous skilled nursing agency services are in 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency and Independent Nursing Services*.

**MassHealth Website**

This transmittal letter and attached pages are available on the MassHealth website at [www.mass.gov/masshealth-transmittal-letters](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth-transmittal-letters).

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**Questions**

The MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. LTSS providers should direct their questions about this letter, and other MassHealth LTSS provider questions, to the LTSS third-party administrator:

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| **LTSS Provider Portal** | Training, general information, and future enhancements will be available at [www.MassHealthLTSS.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.MassHealthLTSS.com&d=DwMFAg&c=lDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=veVTsGuhwVXhgeAKPWzzZkJXrnctsPfeegfH4rzH1lw&m=ROQoKY-5ZaiHWs7ZktBtNJzUSbDA8J0w34-bRW_Nn00&s=ZvyXKC_Y4ZdhAsdsNeaMtXmK2_x5FrxY2cl04UzHA4Y&e=). |

NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

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OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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601 Explanation of Abbreviation

The abbreviation "PA" indicates that MassHealth prior authorization is required (see program regulations in Subchapter 4 of the *Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Manual*).

602 Definitions

Providers must use a service code and modifier that accurately reflect the nursing service provided. With nursing service codes T1002 and T1003, nursing services provided on a weekend or holiday will be automatically reimbursed in accordance with the applicable fee schedule of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). No additional service code or modifier is required to indicate weekend or holiday services.

1. Day – the hours from 7:00 A.M. to 2:59 P.M., Sunday through Saturday.
2. Night – the hours from 3:00 P.M. to 6:59 A.M., Sunday through Saturday.

603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Services

Revenue Service

Code Code-Modifier Service Description

***Individual Patient Nursing***

The following service codes must be used for nursing care provided by one nurse to one member.

0552 T1002 RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (PA)

0552 T1003 LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (PA)

0552 T1002 UJ RN services, up to 15 minutes (night) (PA)

0552 T1003 UJ LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night) (PA)

***Multiple-Patient Nursing***

The following service codes are to be used for nursing care provided by one nurse simultaneously to two members.

0552 T1002 TT RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (each member) (PA)

0552 T1003 TT LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (each member) (PA)

0552 T1002 U1 RN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (each member) (PA)

0552 T1003 U1 LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (each member) (PA)

The following service codes are to be used for nursing care provided by one nurse simultaneously to three members.

0552 T1002 U2 RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (each member) (PA)

0552 T1003 U2 LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (each member) (PA)

0552 T1002 U3 RN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (each member) (PA)

603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Services (cont.)

Revenue Service

Code Code-Modifier Service Description

0552 T1003 U3 LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (each member) (PA)

***Complex Care Assistant Services***

The following service codes are to be used for complex care assistant services provided by the continuous skilled nursing agency and for the 60-day registered nurse (RN) supervisory visit required for complex care assistant (CCA) services.

0552 T1002 U5 RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (use for 60-day RN assessment of CCA services) (15-minute unit) (PA)

0552 T1004 Services of a qualified nursing aide, up to 15 minutes (use for complex care assistant services) (15-minute unit) (PA)