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> MassHealth Day Habilitation Bulletin 24 March 2022

**TO**: Day Habilitation Providers Participating in MassHealth

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RE: One-time Supplemental Payment for Eligible Day Habilitation (DH) Providers to Address Decreased On-site Attendance During the COVID-19 Omicron Variant Surge

# Background

To address the disruption to Day Habilitation (DH) programs caused by the recent COVID-19 Omicron variant surge, MassHealth is offering a one-time supplemental payment to qualifying DH providers that experienced a 20% decrease or greater in average on-site daily attendance at one or more of their DH program sites in January and/or February 2022. Through this one-time supplemental payment, MassHealth seeks to promote and strengthen the continued availability of DH services for MassHealth members during the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-time supplemental payment is available per qualifying DH program site and is based on the established MassHealthapproved capacity of the site.

The amounts of the available one-time supplemental payment per DH program site are as follows.

DH Site Capacity	Payment Amount
Capacity 1-55	\$8,727
Capacity 56-94	\$16,470
Capacity 95+	\$21,600

# Eligibility and Submission Requirements to Receive the One-Time Supplemental Payment

To be eligible for this one-time supplemental payment, a DH provider must have been, and continue to be, actively enrolled and billing for DH services provided through MassHealth. Additionally, a DH provider must have experienced a decrease in average on-site daily attendance of 20% or greater at one or more of its DH program sites in January and/or February 2022, as compared to the average on-site daily attendance in November 2021, due to the Omicron variant surge.

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To request the one-time supplemental payment, DH providers must submit a request using the <u>Day</u> <u>Habilitation (DH) Provider Supplemental Payment Request Form</u> for each program site for which they are seeking a one-time supplemental payment. As part of the request, DH providers must attest to the above-described decrease in average daily on-site attendance in January and/or February 2022. DH providers should submit their requests to Karen Seck at <u>karen.l.seck@mass.gov</u> or Danielle Sheehan at <u>danielle.sheehan@mass.gov</u> by April 1, 2022.

Note: DH programs that are currently closed or were not in operation in January and/or February 2022 are not eligible for this one-time payment.

### **Sanction and Recoupment**

DH providers may be subject to sanction and recoupment of the one-time supplemental payment(s) based on an audit of their average daily census during the subject period. See 130 CMR 450.238: *Sanctions: General.* 

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# Questions

Please direct any questions and/or comments to either Karen Seck or Danielle Sheehan at the above email addresses.

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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