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TO: Day Habilitation Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: **Guidance and Requirements for Day Habilitation Providers under 101 CMR 348.00: Rates for Day Habilitation Services**

Background

MassHealth recently promulgated amendments to [101 CMR 348: Rates for Day Habilitation Services](#), effective for dates of service beginning August 1, 2024. The amendments remove the individualized staffing supports (ISS) rate and create new rate levels: Levels 1 through 4. This bulletin outlines how to crosswalk current day habilitation (DH) members into the correct rate level for appropriate billing.

Guidance and Requirements

Starting on August 1, 2024, the Severity Profile Tool will no longer be used and DH providers will need to complete the new DH Leveling Tool when each member's Service Needs Assessment (SNA) is due. SNAs are due within 45 business days of a member's admission, then every two years, or if there is a significant change in the member's condition. Leveling Tools for existing members must be completed over the next year so that all members' prior authorizations (PAs) are active by August 31, 2025.

The DH Leveling Tool and instructions for its completion can be found on the [LTSS Provider Portal](#).

Billing Crosswalk for Claims Submission

Beginning August 1, 2024, DH providers must bill for DH services for each member using the new rate structure and appropriate level. MassHealth is implementing a billing crosswalk as a bridge while PAs are formally approved.

Until a member has a PA approved in Levels 1 through 4, please use the billing crosswalk in the table below to submit claims.

Billing Crosswalk

Current Billing	8/1/24 Billing Level	Process Notes
Members in Low or Moderate designation without ISS	Level 1	These members do not currently have ISS PAs and will bill at Level 1 until Level PAs are in place following their adjudication.
Members in High designation without ISS	Level 2	These members do not currently have ISS PAs and will bill at Level 2 until Level PAs are in place following their adjudication.
Members with ISS PAs for up to 29.75 hours per week regardless of their Low, Mod, or High designation	Level 3	Members with current Initial ISS PAs will have their PA converted into Levels 3 or 4. Administrative PAs will not be transitioned, however providers may reference the administrative PA for appropriate billing in the crosswalk.
Members with ISS PAs for 30 or more hours per week regardless of their Low, Mod, or High designation	Level 4	Initial PAs will expire on their current expiration date – there is no adjustment to the end dates of current PAs. For example, a member whose current 5hr/week ISS PA expires on November 30, 2025, will remain Level 3 until November 30, 2025, or until reevaluation PA is approved, whichever comes first.

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