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TO: Home Health Agencies Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Tom Dehner, Medicaid Director 

RE: Revisions to Subchapter 6 (Service Codes and Descriptions)

Skilled Nursing Visits for Members after 61 Consecutive Calendar Days

Effective December 1, 2008, MassHealth has added a new billing requirement for skilled nursing visits for members who receive home health services from the same home health agency for 61 consecutive calendar days or longer. Home health agencies must use the Service Code and modifier **G0154 UD** when billing for skilled nursing visits provided to a member on or after the 61st consecutive calendar day of the first home health service, even if some or all of those services were paid by a third-party insurer other than MassHealth.

For example, for a member who began to receive home health services on September 15, 2008, the home health agency must bill Service Code and modifier **G1054 UD** for dates of service on and after December 1. This is the case even though December 1 is the 77th day of service. For a member who began to receive home health services on November 22, 2008, the home health agency must bill Service Code and modifier **G1054 UD** for dates of service beginning January 21, 2009 (61 days from the initial date of service).

If a member is discharged from an inpatient hospital or skilled-nursing facility, the home health agency bills for the following 60 consecutive calendar days at the skilled-nursing-visit rate, using Service Code **G0154**. This is applicable whether or not the home health agency provided services to the member before the admission to the hospital or skilled nursing facility. If the member continues services after 60 consecutive days, then the home health agency must bill for skilled nursing visits using Service Code and modifier **G0154 UD**.

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP) has established a new payment rate for **G1054 UD**, which can be viewed at their Web site (www.mass.gov/dhcfp). DHCFP has adopted this amendment to 114.3 CMR 50.00: Home Health Services, as an emergency regulation effective December 1, 2008, to implement budget reductions in accordance with M.G.L. c. 29, § 9C.

Revenue Codes

Revenue codes have been added to Subchapter 6 of the *Home Health Agency Manual*. The attached Subchapter 6 contains the revenue codes.

If you have any questions about the information in this transmittal letter, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.

NEW MATERIAL

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

Home Health Agency Manual

Pages 6-1 and 6-2

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 *Home Health 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 Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP). No additional service code or modifier is required to indicate weekend or holiday services.

(A) Day – the hours from 7:00 A.M. to 2:59 P.M., Sunday through Saturday.

(B) Night – the hours from 3:00 P.M. to 6:59 A.M., Sunday through Saturday.

603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Home Health Aide, Therapy, and Nursing Services

<u>Revenue Code</u>	<u>Service Code-Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
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Nursing (for a Visit of Two Hours or Less) and Home Health Aide

0551	G0154	Services of skilled nurse in home health setting, each 15 minutes (PA for MassHealth Basic members not enrolled with a managed care organization and for complex-care members)
0551	G0154 TT	Services of skilled nurse in a home health setting, each 15 minutes (use when billing for each subsequent member—not for the first member—when two or more members in the same household are receiving a nursing visit during the same time period.) (PA for MassHealth Basic members not enrolled with a managed care organization and for complex-care members)
0551	G0154 UD	Services of skilled nurse in a home setting, each 15 minutes (use when billing for a member in home health services for 61 consecutive calendar days or longer)
0551	99058	Service(s) provided on an emergency basis in the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service (use for emergency office services)
0572	G0156	Services of home health aide in home health setting, each 15 minutes (PA for complex-care members)

Therapy

0421	G0151	Services of physical therapist in home health setting, each 15 minutes (PA after 20 visits)
0431	G0152	Services of occupational therapist in home health setting, each 15 minutes (PA after 20 visits)
0441	G0153	Services of speech and language pathologist in home health setting, each 15 minutes (PA after 35 visits)

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<u>Revenue Code</u>	<u>Service Code-Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
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Continuous Skilled Nursing Services (More Than a Two-Hour Visit)

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) (each member) (PA)
0552	T1003 U1	LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night) (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) (each member) (PA)
0552	T1003 U3	LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night) (each member) (PA)