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TO: Home Health Agencies Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth
RE: *Home Health Agency Manual* (Revised Subchapter 6: Service Codes and Descriptions)

This letter transmits revisions to the service code descriptions in the *Home Health 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 through 130 CMR 450.314.

A. New Codes

- T1502 Administration of oral, intramuscular, and/or subcutaneous medication by health care agency/professional, per visit (RN or LPN only). Use only for medication administration visit.
- T1503 Administration of medication other than oral, intramuscular, and/or subcutaneous medication by health care agency/professional, per (RN or LPN only). Use only for medication administration visit.

B. New Codes and Code/Modifier Combinations to Distinguish Between RN and LPN Services

CMS established the following two new codes to distinguish between RN and LPN services. These **replace the G0154 codes**.

- G0299 Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members)
- G0300 Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members)

The following code and modifier combinations **replace G0154 TT**.

- G0299 TT Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; 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).
- G0300 TT Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; 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).

The following code and modifier combinations **replace G0154 UD and G0154 UD TT**:

- G0299 UD Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; use when billing for a member in home health services for 61 calendar days or longer)
- G0300 UD Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (use when billing for a member in home health services for 61 calendar days or longer)
- G0299 UD TT Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health setting in home health setting, each 15 minutes. (per visit for MassHealth members. 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). (Use when billing for members in home health services 61 consecutive calendar days or longer).
- G0300 UD TT Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members. 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, for members in home health services). (Use when billing for members in home health services 61 consecutive calendar days or longer).

C. Modifier UD for Skilled Nursing Visits

The following service code/modifier combinations have the meaning described below.

- G0299 UD Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; use when billing for a member in home health services for 31 calendar days or longer)

- G0300 UD Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes (use when billing for a member in home health services for 31 calendar days or longer)
- G0299 UD TT Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health setting in home health setting, each 15 minutes. (per visit for MassHealth members. 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). (Use when billing for members in home health services 31 consecutive calendar days or longer).
- G0300 UD TT Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members. 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, for members in home health services). (Use when billing for members in home health services 61 consecutive calendar days or longer).

D. Updated Code Narrative

- 99509 A home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care (to be used for emergency temporary personal care attendant services provided by a home health aide).

E. Updated Code/Modifier Combination Narratives

- T1002 TU RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
- T1002 U4 RN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
- T1003 TU LPN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
- T1003 U4 LPN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)

F. Fee Schedule

If you wish 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. The regulation title for Home Health Agency is 101 CMR 350.00: *Home Health Services*.

G. MassHealth Website

This transmittal letter and attached pages are available on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/masshealth-transmittal-letters.

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H. Questions

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Method	Contact Information for MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center
Phone	Toll-free (844) 368-5184
Email	support@masshealthltss.com
Portal	MassHealthLTSS.com
Mail	MassHealth LTSS PO Box 159108 Boston, MA 02215
Fax	(888) 832-3006
LTSS Provider Portal	Trainings, general Information, and future enhancements will be available at www.MassHealthLTSS.com .

NEW MATERIAL

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

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Pages 6-1 through 6-4

OBSOLETE MATERIAL

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

Pages 6-1 and 6-2 — transmitted by Transmittal Letter HHA-49

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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 Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). 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>
<u>Nursing (for a Visit of Two Hours or Less) and Home Health Aide</u>		
0551	G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in home health setting (per visit for MassHealth members; 1-30 calendar days)
0551	G0300	Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in home health setting, (per visit for MassHealth members; 1-30 calendar days)
0551	G0299 TT	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in home health setting, (per visit for MassHealth members; 1-30 calendar days; 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)
0551	G0300 TT	Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in home health setting, (per visit for MassHealth members; 1-30 calendar days; 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)
0551	G0299 UD	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in home health setting (per visit for MassHealth members; 31 or more consecutive calendar days)
0551	G0300 UD	Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in home health setting, (per visit for MassHealth members; 31 or more consecutive calendar days)

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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>
0551	G0299 TT UD	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in home health setting (per visit for MassHealth members. 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;31 or more consecutive calendar days)
0551	G0300 UD TT	Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health setting (per visit for MassHealth members. 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, for members in home health services; 31 or more consecutive calendar days)
0551	T1502	Administration of oral, intramuscular, and/or subcutaneous medication by health care agency/professional (RN or LPN only; per visit for MassHealth members; Use only for Medication Administration visit)
0551	T1503	Administration of medication other than oral and/or injectable, by a health care agency/professional, per visit (RN or LPN only; per visit for MassHealth members; Use only for Medication Administration visit)
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

Therapy

0421	G0151	Services of physical therapist in home health setting, (per visit for MassHealth members; PA after 20 visits)
0431	G0152	Services of occupational therapist in home health setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; PA after 20 visits)
0441	G0153	Services of speech and language pathologist in home health setting, each 15 minutes (per visit for MassHealth members; PA after 35 visits)
0579	99509	A home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care (to be used for emergency temporary personal care attendant services provided by a home health aide).

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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; 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)
0552	T1003 U3	LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (each member) (PA)
0552	T1002 TU	RN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
0552	T1002 U4	RN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
0552	T1003 TU	LPN services, up to 15 minutes (day) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)
0552	T1003 U4	LPN services, up to 15 minutes (night; weekend) (overtime) (available to individual practitioners only)

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