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Transmittal Letter HHA-54

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**TO:** Home Health Agencies Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [Signature of Daniel Tsai]

**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.

1. **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.

1. **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).

1. **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).

1. **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).

1. **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)

1. **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](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations) . The regulation title for Home Health Agency is [101 CMR 350.00: *Home Health Services*](https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-350-home-health-services).

1. **MassHealth Website**

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1. **Questions**

The MassHealth LTSS Provider Service Center is open, 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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| **Phone** | Toll-free **(844) 368-5184** |
| **Email** | [support@masshealthltss.com](mailto: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](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.)

Home Health Agency Manual

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

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.

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: Home Health Aide, Therapy, and Nursing Services

Revenue Service

Code Code-Modifier Service Description

**Nursing (for a Visit of Two Hours or Less) and Home Health Aide**

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)

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).

**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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