



Transmittal Letter IN-31

DATE: October 2026

TO: Independent Nurses Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Christine Peterson, Acting Chief of the Office of Long Term Services and Supports

RE: *Independent Nursing Services Manual: Revised Program Regulations*

Summary of Program Regulation Changes

The regulations at 130 CMR 414.000: *Independent Nursing Services* have been updated. The changes include

- updating the title from *Independent Nurse* to *Independent Nursing Services* to align with rate regulations for these services;
- clarifying and reorganizing sections of the regulations; and
- adding requirements for independent nurses, including requirements related to
 - provider eligibility;
 - provider responsibilities;
 - CSN training time allowances;
 - temporary increases to CSN services;
 - discharge and transfer processes; and
 - recordkeeping.

These regulations are effective October 9, 2026.

The rate regulation for Independent Nursing Services is 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency and Independent Nursing Services*.

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Independent Nursing Services Manual

Pages iv, 4-1 – 4-19

Obsolete Material

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Independent Nurse Manual

Pages iv, iv, 4-1 – 4-16—transmitted by Transmittal Letter IN-30

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