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# Independent Nurse Bulletin 10

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**TO**: Independent Nurses Participating in MassHealth

**FROM**: Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Amanda Cassel Kraft]

RE: Enhanced Rates for Certain Home-and Community-Based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act

## Introduction

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has established enhanced rates for certain home and community-based services (HCBS), including MassHealth-covered Continuous Skilled Nursing (CSN) services provided by Independent Nurse providers, under 101 CMR 453.00: *Enhanced Rates for Certain Home- and Community-Based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Ac*t for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

EOHHS is extending enhanced rates for CSN services provided by Independent Nurses through June 30, 2023, or until such time that EOHHS updates 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Services* to make the 10% enhancement permanent. This bulletin extends the requirements of [Independent Nurse Bulletin 6](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-provider-bulletins-by-provider-type-i-n#independent-nurse-), published in January 2022, and sets forth billing instructions in effect for MassHealth-covered CSN services for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, regarding use of the funds associated with the temporary rate increase established pursuant to 101 CMR 453.00.

## Enhanced CSN Rates and Billing Instructions for Dates of Service beginning July 1, 2022

### Enhanced Rates

To promote workforce development and strengthen the HCBS workforce, rates for the following services are being established in 101 CMR 453.00 at an amount that is approximately 10% higher than the existing rates in 101 CMR 361.00: *Rates for Continuous Skilled Nursing Services* for dates of services beginning July 1, 2022.

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| **Service Description** | **Code** | **Unit** | **Rate (Individual)** | **Add-on (Individual)** | **Total (Individual)** |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Weekday | T1002 | 15 minutes | $13.32 | $1.33 | $14.65 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Nights | T1002- UJ | 15 minutes | $14.24 | $1.42 | $15.66 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour RN Services, Holidays | T1002 | 15 minutes | $19.08 | $1.91 | $20.99 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 | 15 minutes | $11.09 | $1.11 | $12.20 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Nights | T1003- UJ | 15 minutes | $11.88 | $1.19 | $13.07 |
| Single patient Straight-time hour LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 | 15 minutes | $15.98 | $1.60 | $17.58 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Weekday | T1002 TT | 15 minutes | $19.25 | $1.93 | $21.18 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Nights | T1002 U1 | 15 minutes | $20.65 | $2.07 | $22.72 |
| Two Patient RN Services, Holidays | T1002 TT | 15 minutes | $27.89 | $2.79 | $30.68 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 TT | 15 minutes | $16.10 | $1.61 | $17.71 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Nights | T1003 U1 | 15 minutes | $17.27 | $1.73 | $19.00 |
| Two Patient LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 TT | 15 minutes | $23.41 | $2.34 | $25.75 |
| Three Patient RN Services, Weekday | T1002 U2 | 15 minutes | $22.33 | $2.23 | $24.56 |

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| **Service Description** | **Code** | **Unit** | **Rate (Individual)** | **Add-on (Individual)** | **Total (Individual)** |
| Three Patient RN Services, Nights | T1002 U3 | 15 minutes | $23.95 | $2.40 | $26.35 |
| Three Patient RN Services, Holidays | T1002 U2 | 15 minutes | $32.41 | $3.24 | $35.65 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 U2 | 15 minutes | $18.67 | $1.87 | $20.54 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Nights | T1003 U3 | 15 minutes | $20.05 | $2.01 | $22.06 |
| Three Patient LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 U2 | 15 minutes | $27.20 | $2.72 | $29.92 |
| Overtime RN Services, Weekday | T1002 TU | 15 minutes | $19.08 | $1.91 | $20.99 |
| Overtime RN Services, Nights | T1002  U4 | 15 minutes | $20.47 | $2.05 | $22.52 |
| Overtime RN Services, Holidays | T1002 TU | 15 minutes | $27.72 | $2.77 | $30.49 |
| Overtime LPN Services, Weekday | T1003 TU | 15 minutes | $15.98 | $1.60 | $17.58 |
| Overtime LPN Services, Nights | T1003 U4 | 15 minutes | $17.15 | $1.72 | $18.87 |
| Overtime LPN Services, Holidays | T1003 TU | 15 minutes | $23.27 | $2.33 | $25.60 |

### Service Provision

All CSN services receiving enhanced funding must be delivered in accordance with all applicable program requirements and regulations as set forth in 130 CMR 414.000: *Independent Nurse*.

### Administrative and Billing Requirements

All existing provider billing processes will remain in effect during the period of enhanced funding. Providers must submit claims according to the policies and procedures set forth in applicable administrative and billing regulations and supporting guidance.

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