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TO: Independent Nurse Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

RE: **Independent Nurse Overtime Allowances**

Introduction

This bulletin amends the overtime allowances for Independent Nurses outlined in [Independent Nurse Bulletin 13](#). With the exception of the change in overtime requirements described below, all rules related to participation as an Independent Nurse in the MassHealth program and the delivery and payment of continuous skilled nursing services (CSN), as established under [130 CMR 414.000](#), remain in effect.

Change to Overtime Requirements

As established in [Independent Nurse Bulletin 13](#), MassHealth Independent Nurses are not required to contact other CSN providers to try to find other nurses to fill CSN hours that exceed 40 hours for a complex care member.

As of January 1, 2024, MassHealth will no longer restrict overtime authorizations for Independent Nurses to a maximum of 90 consecutive days. Overtime units may be authorized on a member's CSN prior authorization when the Independent Nurse will be providing more than 40 hours of CSN services to the same MassHealth member in a calendar week. The Independent Nurse must provide services that are otherwise in accordance with 130 CMR 414.416. Independent Nurses who do not adhere to the requirements in this bulletin and the requirements under 130 CMR 414.416 may be subject to sanction in accordance with 130 CMR 450.238 or overpayment provisions in 130 CMR 450.235. MassHealth will amend the Independent Nurse provider regulations at 130 CMR 414.000 to reflect the revised authorization rule.

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