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TO: Accountable Care Partnership Plans and Managed Care Organizations Participating in MassHealth, and the MassHealth Behavioral Health Vendor

FROM: Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth

RE: **Coverage of Peer Recovery Coach for Pregnant and Postpartum Members and Recovery Support Navigator for Pregnant and Postpartum Members**

Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations

- ☒ Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs)
- ☐ Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations (Primary Care ACOs)
- ☒ Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- ☒ MassHealth's behavioral health vendor
- ☐ One Care Plans
- ☐ Senior Care Options (SCO) Plans
- ☐ Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations

Background

Effective September 1, 2025, ACPPs, MCOs, and MassHealth's behavioral health vendor (collectively, MCEs) must implement and adhere to the standards and requirements in this bulletin for the delivery of Peer Recovery Coach Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Members (PRC-PP) and Recovery Support Navigator Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Members (RSN-PP).

MassHealth will send updated draft language, and MCEs are expected to incorporate that language in their own performance specifications.

Description of Services

PRC-PPs provide recovery-oriented peer recovery support to individuals in or seeking recovery who are pregnant and up to 12 months postpartum (following the end of pregnancy), inclusive of all pregnancy outcomes.

RSN-PPs provide recovery support navigator services to individuals who are pregnant and up to 12 months postpartum (following end of pregnancy), inclusive of all pregnancy outcomes.

Qualifications of PRC-PP and RSN-PP

MCEs must ensure that all PRC-PP and RSN-PP staff in their networks are qualified and employed by an organization licensed within the Commonwealth.

A qualified PRC-PP must

- meet all the requirements of a qualified Peer Recovery Coach and have lived experience as a pregnant or postpartum individual in recovery from substance use disorder, or
- have completed specialized training on providing peer recovery coaching services to pregnant and postpartum individuals as directed by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).

RSN-PPs must

- hold a bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, or a related behavioral health field, or
- have two years of relevant work experience or lived experience with a primary diagnosis of substance use disorder and have lived experience as a pregnant or postpartum individual, or
- have completed specialized training in providing recovery support navigator services to pregnant and postpartum individuals.

MCEs must permit provider organizations to implement additional hiring criteria to ensure fidelity to principles of PRC-PP and RSN-PP.

Codes and Rate Floors

Effective September 1, 2025, MCEs must pay no less than the rates in the table below for PRC-PP and RSN-PP services.

Service	Code	Rate floor
Peer Recovery Coach Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Members	H2016-HM-HD	\$33.16 (per diem (Enrolled Client Day))
Recovery Support Navigator Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Members	H2015-HF-HD	\$25.35 (per 15 minutes)

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