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TO: Accountable Care Partnership Plans, Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations, and the Managed Care Organization Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth

RE: Guidance for Payment to Community Partners During CP Program Transition

Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations

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

Background

This bulletin provides guidance for all MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs), Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations (PCACOs) (together, ACOs), and the Managed Care Organization (MCO) about changes regarding the payments ACOs and the MCO make to its Community Partners (CPs) for 2026. This change will be reflected in the forthcoming amendment to

- the Third Amended and Restated Accountable Care Partnership Plan,
- the Third Amended and Restated Primary Care Accountable Care Organization, and
- the Eighth Amended and Restated MassHealth Managed Care Organization Contracts.

ACOs and the MCO will also receive an updated CP File Specification.

Community Partners Care Coordination Subcomponent Capitation Payment Deduction Policy and Transition of Care Coordination Payment

For Rate Year 2026, MassHealth will remove the Capitation Payment Deduction policy described in Section 2.6.E.9.d of the ACPP, Section 2.4.9.d of the PCACO, and Section 2.6.E.9.d of the MCO contracts and replace it with the Transition of Care Coordination Payment.

The ACOs and the MCO must make a one-time Transition of Care Coordination Payment to subcontracted CPs for the provision of ongoing care coordination support during the CP Program transition between January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. This payment must be incorporated into the June 2026, Expected Payment File that EOHHS provides to ACOs and the MCO, as further specified by EOHHS. This policy change will be reflected in the forthcoming amendment and an update to the CP File Specifications.

This payment will be calculated by EOHHS in the following way, or as otherwise specified by EOHHS:

1. EOHHS' payment to the contractor attributed to the CP Care Coordination Subcomponent will be calculated by multiplying the following:
 - the CP Care Coordination Subcomponent for contract year 2026 by
 - the contractor's experienced member months for the contract year as determined by EOHHS.
2. EOHHS will determine the contractor's payments to its CPs for CP Supports including all add-on payments.
3. EOHHS will determine the proportion of the contractor's paid member months to each of its CPs.
4. If, for contract year 2026, the amount of the contractor's payments to its CPs is below 98% of the amount of EOHHS' payment to the contractor attributed to the CP Care Coordination Subcomponent, as determined by the calculation described above, the contractor must pay to its CPs an amount determined by EOHHS that equals an enrollment-based proportion of the unspent CP Care Coordination Subcomponent dollars.

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