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- **TO:** Accountable Care Partnership Plans and Managed Care Organizations Participating in MassHealth and the MassHealth Behavioral Health Vendor
- **FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: MassHealth Rate Floor Enhancements for Acute Treatment Services, Clinical Stabilization Services, and Residential Rehabilitation Services

# **Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations**

- ⊠ Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs)
- ⊠ Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- $\boxtimes$  MassHealth's behavioral health vendor
- $\Box$  One Care Plans
- $\Box$  Senior Care Organizations (SCOs)
- $\Box$  Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations

## Background

MassHealth is temporarily increasing its managed care rate floors for Acute Treatment Services (ATS), Clinical Stabilization Services (CSS), and Residential Rehabilitation Services (RRS) for dates of service effective April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. These temporary rate floor enhancements are in response to the significant challenges ATS, CSS, and RRS providers continue to face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and are intended to preserve member access to these services.

Through this bulletin, MassHealth is directing Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), and the MassHealth behavioral health vendor (together "managed care plans") to pay at least the rates set forth below for ATS, CSS, and RRS for dates of service effective April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. The rate floor increases are accounted for in the managed care plans' capitation rates for rate year 2021.

These directed payments will ensure that providers receive this crucial stabilization funding for serving members enrolled in managed care.

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### **Temporary Rate Floor Enhancements by Service**

	Rate Floor for Dates of Service 1/1/21-3/31/21	Rate Floor for Dates of Service 4/1/21-6/30/21	Rate Floor Anticipated for Dates of Service on and after 7/1/21
ATS	\$348.04	\$504.66	Updated rates specified in 101
CSS	\$253.28	\$367.26	CMR 346.00
RRS	\$100.57	\$145.83	

#### **Provider Engagement**

Managed care plans should work with their provider networks to ensure claims for dates of service effective April 1, 2021, are reprocessed to reflect the temporary rate floor enhancements as applicable.

#### Future Rates for ATS, CSS, and RRS

MassHealth anticipates promulgating updated rates for ATS, CSS, and RRS effective July 1, 2021. Plans may find additional information about the proposed regulation at <u>www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-34600-rates-for-certain-substance-related-and-addictivedisorders-programs</u>. For dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, managed care plans will be required to pay at least these updated rates.

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#### Questions

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