

### **Notice of Proposed Agency Action**

**SUBJECT:** MassHealth: Payment for Pediatric Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospitals, effective June 9, 2023

**AGENCY:** Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Office of Medicaid

EOHHS hereby proposes an addition to the Rate Year 2023 pediatric chronic disease and rehabilitation inpatient hospital payment methods, as described in the Rate Year 2023 Notice of Final Agency Action: MassHealth: Payment for Pediatric for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospital published on September 29, 2023 (“Final RY23 Notice”). Specifically, these proposed revisions add a Supplemental Payment for High-Complexity Pediatric Care.

To qualify for a Supplemental Payment for High-Complexity Pediatric Care provided by a Pediatric CDR Hospital, a Pediatric CDR Hospital must be a chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital that serves solely children and adolescents with complex acute rehabilitation and chronic needs that is located in Massachusetts, that serves MassHealth members, and that operates DMH licensed beds.

EOHHS estimates that annual aggregate pediatric chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital state plan expenditures will increase by \$3 million as a result of this change.

Other than as set forth in this Notice, the RY23 pediatric chronic disease and rehabilitation inpatient hospital payment methods described in the Final RY23 Notice remain unchanged. The Final RY23 Notice is available under the heading “Rate Year 2023 Notices” on the Special Notices for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospitals page of the MassHealth website at [www.mass.gov/lists/special-notices-for-chronic-disease-and-rehabilitation-hospitals](http://www.mass.gov/lists/special-notices-for-chronic-disease-and-rehabilitation-hospitals). For further information, or to provide written comments regarding this action, you may also contact Pavel Terpelets, MassHealth Office of Long Term Services and Supports, One Ashburton Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

**Statutory Authority:** M.G.L. c.118E; 42 USC 1396

**Related Regulations:** 42 CFR Part 447

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