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TO: Nursing Facilities Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Update to Requirement for Appropriate Agreements between High-SUD Nursing Facilities and Opioid Treatment Programs

Background

This bulletin is being issued under 101 CMR 206.10(14): *Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on*. It updates [Nursing Facility Bulletin 189: Requirement for Appropriate Agreements between High-SUD Nursing Facilities and Opioid Treatment Programs](#) (August 2024). This bulletin updates the list of facilities that have been determined by EOHHS to be High-SUD facilities and subject to the requirements of 101 CMR 206.14(a)(4).

Under 101 CMR 206.14(a)(4), a facility that is determined by EOHHS to be a High-SUD nursing facility will be eligible to receive the SUD and SUD Induction Period Add-ons only if the facility submits (a) an attestation confirming that the facility has processes in place to provide services to residents with SUD; and (b) an attestation certifying that the facility has executed an appropriate agreement to share data and collaborate with at least one Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) with a copy of the executed agreement.

High-SUD nursing facilities that have previously submitted attestations showing the facility has processes in place to provide services to residents with SUD, under [Nursing Facility Bulletin 185](#) or [Nursing Facility Bulletin 188](#), have already met attestation criterion (a).

High-SUD nursing facilities that have previously submitted attestations certifying that the facility has executed an appropriate agreement to share data and collaborate with at least one OTP, accompanied by a copy of the executed agreement, have already met attestation criterion (b) under Nursing Facility Bulletin 189.

Updated List of High-SUD Nursing Facilities

This bulletin announces updated criteria that EOHHS is using to determine whether a nursing facility is a High-SUD facility. High-SUD nursing facilities are now defined as nursing facilities that, based on the FY24 MassHealth data pulled on June 14, 2024, provided services to at least four MassHealth members with an ICD-10 diagnosis listed in 101 CMR 206.10(14)(b) and submitted SUD Add-on and/or SUD Induction Period Add-on Fee-For-Service claims in FY24. Facilities that are determined to be High-SUD facilities are listed in the following table.

High-SUD Nursing Facilities
Aspire Rehabilitation and Healthcare
Bear Mountain at Worcester
Berkshire Health Care Center
Blueberry Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
Bostonian Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation (The)
Bourne Manor Extended Care Facility
Braintree Manor Healthcare
Brentwood Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center (The)
Brighton House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
Brush Hill Care Center
Cambridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Cape Heritage Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Cape Regency Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Care One at Brookline
Care One at Essex Park
Care One at Lowell
Care One at Peabody
Care One at Randolph
Care One at Redstone
Champion Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Charlene Manor Extended Care Facility
Charwell House Health and Rehabilitation
Chestnut Hill of East Longmeadow
Chestnut Woods Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center
Chicopee Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Day Brook Village Senior Living
Dexter House Healthcare
East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center

High-SUD Nursing Facilities
Fairhaven Healthcare Center
Fairview Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation
Fall River Healthcare
Fitchburg Healthcare
Fitchburg Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Garden Place Healthcare
Guardian Center (The)
Hancock Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Harbor House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Hathaway Manor Extended Care Facility
Hermitage Healthcare (The)
Highview Of Northampton
Hillcrest Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Hunt Nursing & Retirement Home
Keystone Center
Kimwell Nursing and Rehabilitation
Lakeview House Skilled Nursing & Residential Care Facility
Lanessa Extended Care
Lee Healthcare
Marlborough Hills Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Medford Rehabilitation & Nursing Center
Melrose Healthcare
North Adams Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
Northwood Rehabilitation & HealthCare Center
Norwood Healthcare
Nursing And Rehabilitation Center at Everett (The)
Oakhill Healthcare
Oxford Rehabilitation & Health Care Center (The)
Park Avenue Health Center

High-SUD Nursing Facilities
Parkway Health and Rehabilitation Center
Parsons Hill Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Pilgrim Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center
Pioneer Valley Health and Rehabilitation
Plymouth Harborside Healthcare
Plymouth Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center
Regal Care at Worcester
Regal Care at Harwich LLC
Regal Care at Quincy
Royal Meadow View Center
Royal Megansett Nursing & Retirement Home
Royal Norwell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center LLC
Royal Nursing Center LLC
Royal of Cotuit Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Royal of Fairhaven Nursing
Royal Rehabilitation & Nursing Center
Royal Wayland Nursing Home, LLC
Royal Wood Mill Center
Sarah S Brayton Center
Southbridge Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Southeast Health Care Center
Southshore Health Care Center
Springside Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center
St Francis Rehabilitation & Nursinng Center
St Joseph Rehabilitation & Nursing Care Center
Tremont Health Care Center
Vantage Health & Rehabilitation of Wilbraham
Wachusett Manor
Watertown Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

High-SUD Nursing Facilities
Webster Manor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Webster Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
Wedgemere Healthcare
West Newton Healthcare
West Roxbury Health and Rehabilitation Center
West Side House
Westborough Healthcare
Westford House
Williamstown Commons
Windsor Nursing & Retirement Home
Worcester Rehabilitation & Health Care Center

Requirements for Appropriate Agreements with OTPs

To remain eligible for the SUD Add-on and the SUD Induction Period Add-on for dates of service beginning June 11, 2025, the High-SUD nursing facilities listed in this bulletin must execute an appropriate agreement to share data and collaborate (for example, a Qualified Service Organization Agreement) with at least one OTP, if the facility has not done so already under Nursing Facility Bulletin 189. Executing such an agreement will allow High-SUD nursing facilities and OTPs to more closely collaborate with one another to coordinate residents' SUD services. The agreement must ensure that the nursing facility and the OTP have agreed-upon policies and procedures in place for

- (1) safe and appropriate storage of medication;
- (2) sharing pertinent information in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations, including but not limited to, 42 CFR Part 2;
- (3) facilitating admission;
- (4) joint treatment and discharge planning; and
- (5) consultation outside of business hours.

Submission of Attestation of Compliance

For a High-SUD nursing facility to receive the SUD Add-on and/or the SUD Induction Period Add-on payments for dates of service beginning June 11, 2025, if the facility has not done so already under Nursing Facility Bulletin 189, the facility's administrator must attest that the nursing facility has executed an appropriate agreement to share data and collaborate (for example, a Qualified Service Organization Agreement) with at least one OTP. The agreement must contain the policies and procedures listed in (1) through (5) of the [requirements for appropriate agreements with OTPs](#). The High-SUD facility's administrator must complete the attestation form included as Appendix A and submit the signed form by email to

NFReporting@umassmed.edu by June 11, 2025. The administrator must also attach a PDF copy of the executed agreement to their submission.

If a High-SUD nursing facility listed in this bulletin does not submit a completed attestation form and a PDF copy of the executed agreement by June 11, 2025, the facility may become ineligible for SUD Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on payments for dates of service beginning June 11, 2025. Facilities that have already submitted the required attestation and agreement under Nursing Facility Bulletin 189 are not required to resubmit; those facilities will remain eligible for the SUD Add-on and/or SUD Induction Period Add-on because of their original submission.

MassHealth will review attestation submissions in the order they are submitted. MassHealth may, for any reason and at its discretion, request documentation or other information to confirm information in a nursing facility's attestation form.

MassHealth reserves the right to announce additional requirements by issuing further sub-regulatory guidance and to require additional attestations from facilities to maintain their eligibility for these add-ons.

Enforcement for Non-Compliance

Any nursing facility that receives a SUD Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on is subject to audits, inspections, or requests for information or documentation by MassHealth regarding its compliance with the criteria established in this bulletin; in Nursing Facility Bulletins 185, 188, 189, and 191; and in regulations at 101 CMR 206.10(14): *Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on*.

If a nursing facility is determined to be out of compliance with the criteria established in this bulletin, Nursing Facility Bulletins 185, 188, 189, and 191, or 101 CMR 206.10(14), MassHealth may recoup paid SUD Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on claims as overpayments, under 130 CMR 450.237: *Overpayments: Determination*.

If MassHealth determines that a nursing facility provider has made false or misleading representations through the submissions required by this bulletin, MassHealth may pursue sanctions against such provider under 130 CMR 450.238: *Sanctions: General*. MassHealth will also refer such providers to the Medicaid Fraud Division in the Attorney General's Office, as appropriate.

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Appendix A

Nursing Facility Provider Attestation for SUD Add-on and SUD Induction Period Add-on

I, _____, hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I am the administrator of _____, MassHealth Provider ID _____, located at _____, (hereinafter “nursing facility”) and that the information provided in this attestation is a true and accurate representation.

Specifically, I represent and warrant that the nursing facility has executed an appropriate agreement to share data and collaborate (e.g., a Qualified Service Organization Agreement) with at least one Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) and that the agreement contains agreed-upon policies and procedures for:

- (1) safe and appropriate storage of medication;
- (2) sharing pertinent information in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations, including but not limited to 42 CFR Part 2;
- (3) facilitating admission;
- (4) joint treatment and discharge planning; and
- (5) consultation outside of business hours.

Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The nursing facility must submit a PDF copy of the executed agreement with this attestation. The nursing facility should also maintain the original executed copy of this submitted attestation, along with a copy of the executed agreement, in its files.