# Nursing Facility Bulletin 192

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**TO:** Nursing Facilities Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

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](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-provider-bulletins-by-provider-type-i-n#nursing-facility-): *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 anappropriate 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](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-provider-bulletins-by-provider-type-i-n#nursing-facility-) or [Nursing Facility Bulletin 188](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-provider-bulletins-by-provider-type-i-n#nursing-facility-), 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** |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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  |
| 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](#_Requirements_for_Appropriate). 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.

## MassHealth Website

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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.