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TO: Pharmacies Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Kimberly Lenz, MassHealth Chief Pharmacy Officer

RE: ***Pharmacy Services Manual*: Revised Program Regulations**

This letter transmits revisions to the Pharmacy regulations at 130 CMR 406.000. MassHealth is making these revisions in connection with amendments to the Community Health Center regulations at 130 CMR 405.000 and Outpatient Hospital Services regulations at 130 CMR 410.000. Changes are summarized below; please review the referenced documents to see all changes.

The amendments end MassHealth pharmacy coverage for drugs acquired through the 340B Drug Pricing Program ("340B drugs") billed through pharmacy point-of-sale adjudication. Members will continue to have full access to drugs when not acquired through the 340B Drug Pricing Program. Coverage will remain for most 340B drugs administered by clinicians. The proposed changes also remove requirements that a clinician-administered drug be high cost before it is carved out from MassHealth coverage for drugs acquired through the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

The amendments also end coverage of drugs prescribed solely for the treatment of obesity or overweight, except for children covered by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

In addition, there are the following changes:

- To allow hospital-licensed pharmacies to dispense drugs pursuant to 105 CMR 722.000: *Dispensing Procedures for Clinic and Hospital Pharmacies*. Previously 130 CMR 406.000 stated that only a retail or clinical-licensed pharmacy could dispense drugs;

- To anchor the MassHealth agency's refill payment limits to applicable federal and state law rather than attempting to restate those legal limits in 130 CMR 406.411, with any additional limits set through the MassHealth Drug List, Pharmacy Facts, or other written MassHealth issuances.

- To allow certain specified drugs to be dispensed in a 90-day supply, instead of being limited to a 60-day supply as currently written; and

- To remove coverage for cough and cold drugs (for symptomatic relief) in a nursing facility or intermediate care facility.

These amendments are effective July 3, 2026.

The rate regulation for Pharmacy Services is 101 CMR 331.00: *Prescribed Drugs*.

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