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TO: Physicians Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: **Addition to Qualified Personnel for Fluoride Varnish Services**

Background

Physicians, independent certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and group practices may submit claims for fluoride varnish services (CPT 99188) rendered to MassHealth members younger than 21 years old in accordance with MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 433.000: *Physician Services*. See 130 CMR 433.449: *Fluoride Varnish Services*. 130 CMR 433.449(B) lists the qualified personnel who may apply fluoride varnish to MassHealth members subject to the limitations of state law. To qualify to apply fluoride varnish, qualified personnel must complete a MassHealth-approved training on the application of fluoride varnish, maintain proof of completion of the training, and provide such proof to the MassHealth agency upon request (hereinafter, the “MassHealth-Approved Training Requirement”).

Addition to Qualified Personnel for Fluoride Varnish Services: Community Health Workers

Physicians and group practices may submit claims for fluoride varnish services rendered by qualified personnel in accordance with 130 CMR 433.449. Notwithstanding the list of qualified personnel in 130 CMR 433.449(B), physicians and group practices may submit claims for fluoride varnish services rendered by community health workers (CHWs) who are under the supervision of a physician and employed by the submitting physician or group practice.

For claims submitted by physicians, the CHW must be under the supervision of the submitting physician. For claims submitted by group practices, the CHW must be under the supervision of a MassHealth-enrolled physician who is a member of the group practice.

The submission of such claims is otherwise subject to all other applicable requirements and limitations in MassHealth regulations, including but not limited to the MassHealth-Approved Training Requirement. MassHealth intends to amend 130 CMR 433.000 at a later date in order to add CHWs to the list of qualified personnel and make any other required conforming amendments.

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