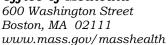


Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid





MassHealth
Psychiatric Outpatient
Hospital Bulletin 2
November 2006

TO: Psychiatric Outpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director

RE: Clarification of Provider Manuals

Background

There are various outpatient hospital manuals for hospital providers participating in MassHealth. This bulletin is intended to clarify which provider manual applies to psychiatric outpatient hospitals.

Psychiatric Outpatient Hospital Manual

Recently, MassHealth has realized that some psychiatric outpatient hospitals may have been referring to both the *Psychiatric Outpatient Hospital Manual* and the *Outpatient Hospital Manual*.

Important: Psychiatric outpatient hospitals should refer to the *Psychiatric Outpatient Hospital Manual* only, and should discard any copies of the MassHealth *Outpatient Hospital Manual*.

The *Psychiatric Outpatient Hospital Manual*, along with all other MassHealth provider manuals, is available on the Web at www.mass.gov/masshealthpubs. Click on Provider Library, then on MassHealth Provider Manuals.

MassHealth Outpatient Hospital Manuals

The following table lists the three different outpatient hospital provider manuals along with an explanation of who should use each. Please note that for each outpatient hospital manual, there is a corresponding inpatient hospital version.

(continued on back)

MassHealth
Psychiatric Outpatient
Hospital Bulletin 2
November 2006
Page 2

MassHealth Outpatient Hospital Manuals (cont.)

Provider Manual	Audience
Psychiatric	All psychiatric outpatient hospitals participating
Outpatient Hospital	in MassHealth.
Manual	
	Note: Psychiatric outpatient hospitals should see 130 CMR 450.124 of the administrative and billing regulations for important information about service authorization and payment for behavioral health services for MassHealth members.
Acute Outpatient	All acute outpatient hospital providers
Hospital Manual	participating in MassHealth, regardless of
	whether they have signed an RFA with
	MassHealth.
	Note: Acute outpatient hospitals that have signed an RFA with MassHealth must refer to the RFA for additional requirements.
Chronic Disease and	All chronic disease and rehabilitation outpatient
Rehabilitation	hospital providers participating in MassHealth.
Outpatient Hospital	
Manual (formerly	Note: Chronic disease and rehabilitation
Outpatient Hospital	outpatient hospitals that have signed an RFA
Manual)	with MassHealth must refer to the RFA for additional requirements.
	additional rogaliomonio.

Bulletins

MassHealth issues provider bulletins to communicate information that is not contained in the provider manual. Provider bulletins typically provide clarifications or describe procedures. Provider bulletins are available on the Web at www.mass.gov/masshealthpubs. Click on Provider Library, then on Provider Bulletins. MassHealth will no longer issue "Outpatient Hospital Bulletins." Instead, MassHealth will issue "Psychiatric Outpatient Hospital Bulletins," "Acute Outpatient Hospital Bulletins," and "Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Outpatient Hospital Bulletins" as needed.

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.