

### **Introduction**

Good morning. My name is Muriel Freeman, and I am the Fee For Services (FFS) Program Manager at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). I am here to present staff testimony on proposed amendments to regulation 101 CMR 307.00: *Psychiatric Day Treatment*. The proposed effective date for the amendments to 101 CMR 307.00 is July 1, 2021.

### **Background**

Regulation 101 CMR 307.00 establishes payment rates for psychiatric day treatment (PDT) center services rendered by eligible providers to publically-aided individuals. PDT is a specialized outpatient service that serves individuals who do not require inpatient level of care but who require more than a once per week therapy visit. With the exception of one stand-alone provider, PDT programs function alongside full-service outpatient mental health clinics, and as part of a larger multi-service agency.

There are three services MassHealth purchases: the behavioral health day treatment per hour (H2012, normally provided in a group setting); the behavioral health day treatment pre-admission visit per hour (H2012-U1); and the interpretation or explanation of treatment of services per visit to family or other responsible persons (90887).

### **Description of Proposed Amendments**

The rates to be established under the proposed regulation contain updates and adjustments from the current rates established for psychiatric day treatment services under 101 CMR 307.00, as follows:

- (1) Increase rates for H2012 and H2012-U1 by adding a retrospective cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 5.75%, as a result of using the base period of 2018 Q3 through 2019 Q2, and the rate period of 2021 Q3 through 2023 Q2.
- (2) Rate for 90887 will refer out to the rate for this code established in CMR 306.00: *Rates of payment for Mental Health Services Provided in Community Health Centers and Mental Health Centers*.

There are no other proposed rate changes for services under this regulation.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total estimated aggregate fiscal impact of the proposed amendments is \$301K over FY2019 spending of \$5.2 million.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.