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TO: Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Ryan Schwarz, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: **Billing for Members Involuntarily Committed to Substance Use Treatment Hospitals**

Overview

This bulletin provides fee-for-service billing instructions for substance use treatment hospitals (SUD) that serve members who are involuntarily committed for substance use disorder treatment.

Appendix A of the Amended and Restated Special Conditions for the MassHealth Program Substance Abuse Treatment Hospital Contract for rate year 2027 identified an enhanced service for members who are involuntarily committed for substance use disorder treatment. As of October 1, 2026, services provided to involuntarily committed members will be reimbursed at a different per diem rate than the SUD inpatient per diem rate.

Background

Treatment of individuals who are involuntarily committed for treatment is provided in settings approved by the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS). As of October 1, 2026, these services may be provided in American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 4 Medically Managed Inpatient Hospital settings. Appendix A of the RY27 Amended and Restated Special Conditions for the MassHealth Program Substance Abuse Treatment Hospital Contract has identified the service and the rate associated with the service.

Billing Instructions

For ASAM Level 4.0 medically managed inpatient services for members who are involuntarily committed to a SUD, the hospital must include the following in the appropriate fields on the HIPAA-compliant claim transaction.

- Occurrence code 47
- The date that the cost outlier began on the facility claim for the dates of services related to the member's involuntary treatment

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