

Updated Notice of Agency Action

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Payment for Acute Hospital Services effective October 1, 2012

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Office of Medicaid

The Rate Year 2012 MassHealth acute hospital fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient payment methods and rates described in the MassHealth Notice of Final Agency Action effective October 1, 2011, will remain in effect until further notice. In addition, EOHHS makes supplemental payments to certain hospitals that qualify as Public Service Hospitals, Essential MassHealth Hospitals, Acute Hospitals with High Medicaid Discharges, and Freestanding Pediatric Specialty Hospitals. Supplemental payments for the annual period beginning October 1, 2012, are calculated using methods substantially similar to RY12 supplemental payment methods. EOHHS projects that this extension will not result in a change in estimated annual aggregate expenditures. In addition, effective October 1, 2012, Freestanding Pediatric Acute Hospitals and Pediatric Specialty Units will be paid an amount equal to 85% of the Hospital's/Pediatric Specialty Unit's expenses for inpatient services for children discharged between October 1, 2012, and September 30, 2013, whose casemix acuity is greater than 5.0. The estimated annual aggregate expenditure resulting from this change in methods is \$12.8 million. A complete description of MassHealth acute hospital RY12 payment methods and rates are available at www.mass.gov/masshealth (click on the link to "MassHealth Regulations and Other Publications" and the link to "Special Notices for Hospitals"; refer to Acute Hospital Rate Year 2012 Notices). For further information regarding MassHealth acute hospital payment methods and rates, you may contact Kiki Feldmar at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, MassHealth Office of Providers and Plans, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171, or by e-mail at kiki.feldmar@state.ma.us.

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. ch.118G; M.G.L. ch.118E; St. 2011, c. 68; St. 2012 c. 139; 42 USC 1396a; 42 USC 1396b; 42 USC 1315.

Related Regulations: 130 CMR 410, 415, 450; 42 CFR Part 447