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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Payments to a Non-Acute Chronic Hospital effective October 1, 2015

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 118E, section 13A, rates and terms of payment for services rendered by chronic disease and rehabilitation hospitals to patients entitled to medical assistance under M.G.L. c. 118E, section 1 *et seq.* are established by contract between the MassHealth program and participating hospitals. This notice describes the proposed methods and standards for the establishment of inpatient and outpatient rates by contract, effective October 1, 2015, between the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and a privately-owned health care facility licensed by the Department of Public Health as a Non-Acute Chronic Hospital with no fewer than 500 licensed beds as of June 30, 2005, with no fewer than 150,000 Medicaid patient days in the state fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, and with an established geriatric teaching program for physicians, medical students, and other health professionals. There is currently one facility that meets these criteria, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center (HRC).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED METHODS AND STANDARDS

The methods and standards described herein are being proposed in order to establish rates by contract that accurately reflect the efficient and economic provision of chronic disease services and/or comprehensive rehabilitation services. The proposed methods and standards described herein are projected to result in a 3.0% increase totaling approximately \$1,714,408.41 in annual aggregate expenditures in rate year (RY) 2016. However, the actual change in aggregate expenditures may vary depending on actual utilization of services.

Included with this notice are the proposed rates of payment effective October 1, 2015. Please contact Thomas Lane, MassHealth Office of Long Term Services and Supports, One Ashburton Place, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, to send any written comments concerning this notice. Copies of this notice detailing the proposed changes in payment methods and standards are also available in each county court law library in the Commonwealth.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

M.G.L. c. 118E

Related Regulations: 42 CFR. Part 447

