TO: Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Revised Screening Process for Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Hospitals

Background
MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 435.000 establish conditions of payment for inpatient stays in a chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital. As specified in these regulations, chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital providers are required to submit requests for pre-admission screening (PAS), conversion screenings, and concurrent review to MassHealth or its designee.

Operational Changes
Effective December 3, 2018, providers are required to submit requests for PAS, conversion screenings and concurrent review online using the Provider Online Service Center (POSC). PAS forms can be accessed from the POSC, or downloaded from the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/masshealth.

For more information about submitting requests through the POSC, please visit www.mass.gov/masshealth/providerservicecenter or refer to All Provider Bulletin 190 (May 2009).

In the event of a power outage, natural disaster, or other emergency, providers may call or fax requests using the contact information below.

Telephone number: (800) 554-5127
Fax: (800) 752-6334

For information on chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital admissions, conversion screenings and concurrent reviews, please refer to 130 CMR 435.408–435.411.

MassHealth Website
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Questions

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