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**MassHealth**  
**Podiatrist Bulletin 9**  
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**TO:** Podiatrists Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Bruce M. Bullen, Commissioner

**RE: PEDIATRY SERVICES FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN MASSHEALTH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS**

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***Background***

Effective July 1, 1998, the Division entered into new contracts with the following managed care organizations (MCOs).

- ◆ Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan
- ◆ Fallon Community Health Plan
- ◆ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- ◆ Kaiser Permanente/Community Health Plan
- ◆ Neighborhood Health Plan
- ◆ Network Health

Before January 1, 1999, these MCOs were not required to provide the podiatry benefit to their MassHealth MCO members.

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***Contract Change***

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 1999, the MCOs listed above are responsible for providing podiatry services to their MassHealth members. In accordance with 130 CMR 450.105(A)(3)(a) and (B)(3)(a), the Division will **not** reimburse podiatrists for these MassHealth members enrolled in the MCOs listed above for any service provided on or after January 1, 1999.

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***Authorization and Payment from MCOs***

Effective for any date of service on or after January 1, 1999, for members enrolled with a MassHealth MCO, podiatrists should seek authorization and payment from the member's MCO.

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***Recipient Eligibility Verification System***

In accordance with 130 CMR 450.107(C)(2), providers must check the Recipient Eligibility Verification System (REVS) to verify a member's eligibility and covered benefits to ensure appropriate payment.

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***Questions***

If you have questions about the information in this bulletin, call the Unisys Provider Services Department at (617) 628-4141 or 1-800-325-5231.

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