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**TO:** Chronic Disease and Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Amanda Cassel Kraft, Acting Medicaid Director 

**RE:** **Temporary Suspension of the 45-Day Administrative-Day Nonpayment Provision under 130 CMR 435.000**

**Background**

Pursuant to MassHealth chronic disease and rehabilitation inpatient hospital (CDRH) provider regulations at 130 CMR 435.407(G), for MassHealth members 21 years of age and older, the first 45 administrative days of a member's admission or continued stay in a CDRH are not reimbursable.

**Temporary Policy Change**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, however, CDRH providers are experiencing challenges around safely discharging MassHealth members to appropriate settings. Accordingly, to facilitate better health outcomes for MassHealth members and to equitably address these challenges, EOHHS is temporarily suspending its enforcement of the 45-day administrative-day (AD) nonpayment provision under 130 CMR 435.407(G) and as further described in this bulletin. This change is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. This change applies to all MassHealth members admitted to a CDRH hospital. CDRH providers should bill using the short-stay AD occurrence Code 21 for any MassHealth member in the provider's CDRH who is currently in or entering the 45-day AD nonpayment window during this period. For such members, payment will be made during this period according to the AD rate in the CDRH provider's contract.

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