

Mass Health Provider Association Forum

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Public Sector Committee

1. Ordering, Referring and Prescribing requirements

Special Registration with Mass Health is now a requirement of licensure for all physicians in Massachusetts. One can be a Mass Health Provider, or a non billing provider. Even if one does not take Mass Health patients you must be registered with the state and any order for a service or a medicine must have your NPI number in order for the service to be covered.

Group practices, clinics, cannot make referrals for services- it must be attached to an individual provider with the NPI number. All eligible providers in groups or clinics must be registered, cannot just be "incident to" the treating physician.

Also applies to advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, psychologists and Licensed Independent Social Workers (LICSW). LMHC, LCSW, CADAC not included. Refer to Provider Bulletin 259, part of the federal requirements of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act

Right now providers that are not appropriately filling out referrals are getting educational messages but at some point the service will be denied and not paid for.

Mass Health is developing a searchable data base of Mass Health providers.

2. PERM Audits (Payment Error Measurement Rate)

Federally required every two years, providers can expect to get a list of requested records that need to be submitted for review within 75 days of the request. Be sure they are for the date of service requested, correct patient, legible. Will happen sometime July- October on a rolling basis.

3. Medical Necessity for Non Emergent Transportation.

Strongly advising Mass Health clients to use PT-1 with designated vendors

New forms/ medical necessity for chair cars or ambulances for those with mobility challenges that cannot meet and be dropped off at the curb. Major concern for psychiatric hospitals that have been using chair cars to make sure that individuals get from a hospital to a rehab, sober house, etc. PT-1 needs advance notice. Also some with psychiatric disabilities though physically able are not able to negotiate being dropped off.

Form is on line, see Mass health bulletin 16.

All providers of transportation have to have an annual CORI

4. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, RNCS- must be independently enrolled with Mass Health, cannot bill under a supervising physician even though they still must have a supervising physician.

Physician's Assistants must be enrolled independently as well

Nurse practitioners can enroll independently or can remain incident to.

Pertains to Mass Health PCC plan, not the Mass Health Managed Care Organizations or Medicare.

5. Provider enrollment with Mass Health-

Better not to wait until your license is due, ok to do it now. Forms are electronic and can be obtained via

[Providersupport@mahealth.net](mailto:Providersupport@mahealth.net)

Updated forms for clinics and for mid level practitioners will be available soon

6. There is now a Mass Health Provider Directory at Mass.gov- based on geographic area. All physicians will be listed. Good to check your own profile and make changes through the mass.gov portal if needed.

Slides with much clearer info are to be distributed