

Health Safety Net (HSN) Updates

Massachusetts Health Care Training Forum
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Important

- Please monitor your in-box as well as the [HSN website](#) regularly for updates regarding the HSN's COVID-19 response.
- Please note that the HSN is the payer of last resort for Acute Care Hospitals and CHCs and providers should continue their diligent efforts to collect payment from other sources before submitting a claim to the HSN.
- Providers are responsible for checking the Eligibility Verification System (EVS) for MassHealth eligibility and other sources to determine whether a patient is insured.



HSN Response to COVID-19 public health emergency

- Administrative Bulletins 20-09 and 20-49 are still in effect; with the following exceptions
 - HSN Presumptive Determinations (HSN-PD)
 - Interim Payments
- Please watch both the HSN and MassHealth websites and list serves for additional guidance regarding the COVID-19 response



HSN Presumptive Determinations (HSN-PD)

- Individuals approved for HSN-PD benefits during the COVID-19 national emergency will be subject to the following eligibility rules:
 - For individuals who received a HSN-PD approval during the COVID-19 national emergency, but before June 30, 2020, their HSN-PD benefit will end on July 31, 2020, unless they submit a full MassHealth application on or before that date.
 - For individuals who received a HSN-PD approval prior to the COVID-19 national emergency or on or after June 30, 2020, their HSN-PD benefit will end:
 - The month following the month in which the Provider made the presumptive determination if the individual has not submitted a complete Application, or
 - The date of the determination notice described in 101 CMR 613.04(6)(a) related to the individual's Application.





HSN Presumptive Determinations (HSN-PD) (continued)

- In order to further align with MassHealth, the HSN is now allowing individuals to have up to two HPE periods within a 12 month period.



Interim Payments

- We will target to be off interim payment for August cycle, utilizing up to June RHS.
- Reconciliation of interim payments will begin in the cycle that HSN comes off Interim payment
- Additional guidance regarding the interim period is forthcoming



HSN Claims and the Federal Portal

- The federal Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), has a program to reimburse provider claims for COVID-19 testing and treatment services for the uninsured through a claims submission portal; available at:
<https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>



HSN Claims and the Federal Portal (continued)

- Providers should bill the federal COVID-19 Uninsured Program portal for COVID-19 testing and treatment services provided to an individual who is:
 - A Health Safety Net (HSN) patient only and who does not have any coverage (including MassHealth Limited), should be billed to the federal portal.
 - In the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) only and who does not have any coverage (including MassHealth Limited) should be billed to the federal portal.



Additional Covid-19 Testing Codes

- The following Covid-19 testing codes have been added for Hospitals and CHCs

Code	Effective for dates of service
G2023	March 1, 2020
G2024	March 1, 2020
G2023 CG	May 22, 2020
G2024 CG	May 22, 2020
U0003	March 18, 2020
U0004	March 18, 2020



Changes to CHC Pricing

- HSN will be processing a price adjustment for codes J7296, J7297, J7298, and J1050
 - Claims affected will be reprocessed
 - Pricing is available on the HSN website
- J7301 will be removed



FY 2018 Closing

- Providers are reminded that FY18 will be closing on September 30, 2020. Any claims or corrections for FY18 must be completed before the Fiscal Year is closed.
- Any claims submitted for processing after the FY closes, will be denied by HSN, for submitting after the FY closure date.
- Please contact Health Safety Net for any questions or concerns. 800-609-7232 or HSNHelpdesk@state.ma.us



QUESTIONS?

