

# Health Safety Net (HSN) Updates

Massachusetts Health Care Training Forum  
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# Agenda

- Hospital Rate Setting
- HSN Regulation Updates
- CHC Reprocessing
- COVID-19 Vaccine
  - Administration
  - Testing and Treatment
- Interim Payment Reconciliation



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# Hospital Rate Setting

- FY21 rates have been reviewed and finalized.

## HSN Regulation Updates

- HSN is in the process of proposing changes to the 101 CMR 613.00 and 614.00 regulations.
- These updates along with a public comment period have been posted to the HSN website.
- HSN regulations are posted online and can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/health-safety-net-regulations>.



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# CHC Reprocessing

- HSN conducted takebacks in January 2021. HSN will have another takeback tentatively scheduled for March 2021.
  - January 2021
    - CHC Secondary Over and Underpayments
  - March 2021 (tentative)
    - Price adjustments for J7296, J7297, J7298, and J1050
    - Removal of J7301



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# COVID-19 Vaccine Billing

- Providers should bill the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the COVID-19 vaccine for MassHealth Limited members and Health Safety Net patients without other coverage.
- Providers are responsible for checking the Eligibility Verification System (EVS) for MassHealth eligibility and other sources to determine whether a patient is insured.
- Providers should submit their claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration to the HRSA Portal for Uninsured Individuals at <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/>.



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# COVID-19 Testing/Treatment Billing

- Providers should bill HRSA for COVID-19 testing and treatment of Health Safety Net patients without other coverage. Testing and treatment for MassHealth Limited members should not be billed to HRSA.
  - COVID-19 testing and treatment services provided to an individual in the Children's Medical Security Plan only, and who does not have any coverage (including MassHealth Limited), should be billed to HRSA.
- Providers should submit their claims for COVID-19 testing/treatment to the HRSA Portal for Uninsured Individuals at <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/>.
- For more information regarding COVID-19 testing for MassHealth and other insurance, please refer to the Provider Bulletin, found at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-304-coverage-and-payment-for-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccine-0/download>.



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# Interim Payment Reconciliation: CHCs

- Interim payment recovery began with the August 2020 pay cycle.
- During interim payment recovery, a provider's monthly payment will be reduced by a calculated recovery amount to reflect the payments made during interim payment periods.
- For each recovery month the interim payment recovery amount is determined by comparing a provider's monthly demand based on claims submitted to MassHealth, POPS (for pharmacy claims), or DentaQuest (for dental claims), and the monthly interim payment balance.
- The HSN will continue with the recovery formula until the entire interim payment balance has been recovered.



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# Important

- Please note that the HSN is the payer of last resort for Acute Care Hospitals and CHCs.
- Providers are encouraged to review the Populations Exempt from Collection Actions section of 101 CMR 613.08(3) and contact the HSN with any questions they might have.
- Billing updates are posted and can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/information-about-hsn-provider-guides-and-billing-updates>.
- Please submit any claims prior to September 1st, 2020 as soon as possible.
  - As of February 17th, there are 266 days until September 30, 2021.

*For more information, please contact (877) 910-2100 or [hsnhelpdesk@state.ma.us](mailto:hsnhelpdesk@state.ma.us).*





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# QUESTIONS?

