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Methods Used to Determine Rates of Payment for Acute Outpatient Hospital Services

I. Introduction

A. Overview

This attachment describes methods used to determine rates of payment for acute outpatient hospital services.

1. For dates of service beginning October 1, 2011, in-state Hospitals will be paid in accordance with this Attachment for Outpatient Services provided at Hospital Outpatient Departments, and at those Hospital-Licensed Health Centers (HLHCs) and other Satellite Clinics that are provider-based in accordance with 42 CFR 413.65.
2. The supplemental payments specified in **Section III.F** apply to dates of service from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.
3. In-state Acute Hospitals are defined in **Section II**.
4. Effective May 25, 2012, payment for out-of-state acute outpatient hospital services is as follows. MassHealth will pay out-of-state acute outpatient hospitals a payment per episode of care equal to the median Payment Amount Per Episode (PAPE) in effect for in-state acute hospitals on the date of service, or in accordance with the applicable fee schedule promulgated by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy for services for which in-state acute hospitals are not paid a PAPE.

B. Non-Covered Services

The payment methods specified in this Attachment do not apply to the following Outpatient Hospital Services:

1. Behavioral Health Services for Members Enrolled with the Behavioral Health Contractor

MassHealth contracts with a Behavioral Health (BH) Contractor to provide Behavioral Health Services to Members enrolled with the BH Contractor.

Hospitals are not entitled to, and may not claim for, any fee-for-service payment from EOHHS for any services that are BH Contractor-covered services or are otherwise payable by the BH Contractor.

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2. MCO Services

MassHealth contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to provide medical services, including Behavioral Health Services, to Members enrolled with the MCO.