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Mike Levine
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Dear Assistant Secretary Levine,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) methodology document that the state submitted October 3, 2024, in accordance with special term and condition (STC) 15.17(l). This document reflects the payment methodologies Massachusetts will use for covering a majority of the Commonwealth's HRSN benefits, as authorized by the MassHealth Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) Section 1115 Demonstration (Project Numbers 11-W-00030/1 and 21-W-00071/1).

This approval is conditioned upon compliance with the previously approved STCs, which set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the MassHealth demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Rabia Khan, at Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director
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Enclosure

cc: Ambrosia Watts, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group

HRSN Supplemental Services – Fee Schedule

Services with an expected unit cost, up to a maximum

HRSN Supplemental Service	Expected unit cost	Unit	Rate	Methodology
Medically Tailored Home Delivered Meals - Prepared medically tailored meals that reflect appropriate nutritional needs based on defined medical diagnosis and standards reflecting evidence-based practice guidelines, deliver to the Enrollee	\$14.86	Per meal	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable ¹	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services ² data and compared with 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Nutritionally Appropriate Home Delivered Meals – Healthy, well-balanced meals delivered to the Enrollee	\$14.86	Per meal	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable ¹	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services ² data and compared with 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for estimating average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Medically Tailored Food Boxes - Selection of minimally prepared grocery items that meet appropriate nutritional standards	\$318.55	Per individual, per month	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable ¹	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services ² data and compared with 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for estimating average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Nutritionally Appropriate Food Boxes - Minimally prepared grocery items or a Community	\$318.55	Per month	Actual cost, subject to	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services ² data and compared with 2024 U.S.

¹ Rates listed as "Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable" will have an upper payment limit of 125% of the Expected Unit Costs. The 125% factor is to allow for variation in costs over time and across geographies.

² Flexible Services is a program authorized by MassHealth's 1115 Demonstration Waiver that provides certain health-related social needs services. More information is available in MassHealth's CMS-approved Flexible Services Protocol.

Supported Agricultural (CSA) share			maximum allowable ¹	Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for estimating average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Medically Tailored Food Prescriptions and Vouchers - Nutrition vouchers and grocery store gift cards to procure healthy food from an approved purchase list	\$122	Per month	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable ¹	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services data ² and compared with 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for estimating average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Nutritionally Appropriate Food Prescriptions and Vouchers: Nutrition vouchers and grocery store gift cards to procure healthy food	\$122	Per month	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable ¹	State derived cost range based on 2023 Flexible Services ² data and compared with 2024 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guide for estimating average costs of food to eliminate outliers. State selected midpoint of the range.
Transitional Goods - Move-in costs (e.g., security deposits, first month's rent, movers), furnishings, and other items necessary to make new housing habitable and comfortable for an Enrollee transitioning from homelessness into housing	N/A	Per episode (i.e., per transition from homelessness into housing)	Actual cost, fair market with \$5,500 limit per episode	Maximum amount based on double HUD's established FY22, FY23, and FY24 standards for 1-bedroom Fair Market Rent in the state so that a member would be able to have enough funds for at least a security deposit and first month's rent. State then adjusted based on cost range from 2023 and 2024 Mitigating The Cost of Housing (MATCH) ³ .
Housing Navigation (Goods) - Assistance to help an Enrollee experiencing housing instability to access benefits, negotiate with landlords, seek out legal assistance, apply for new	N/A	Per year	Actual cost, fair market with \$100 limit per year	Maximum amount based on State derived average costs from 2023 Flexible Services ² data.

³ Mitigating The Cost of Housing (MATCH) is a time-limited MassHealth program authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that supports members in transitioning into housing

housing (if needed), or take other actions in order to help stabilize an Enrollee's housing situation. Goods may include housing application fees, background checks, and identification documents				
Healthy Homes (Goods/Remediation Services) - Goods and/or remediation services proven to improve housing conditions related to health needs that are not the responsibility of the housing owner/landlord	Goods: N/A Remediation services: N/A	Goods: per year Remediation Services: per year	Goods: Actual cost, fair market with \$750 per year limit Remediation services: Actual cost, fair market with \$5,000 per year limit	Maximum amounts based on State derived average costs from 2023 Flexible Services ² data.
Home Modifications (Construction costs) - A physical adaptation to an Enrollee's primary private home that is medically necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the Enrollee or that enables the Enrollee to function with greater independence in their home	N/A	Per year	Actual cost, fair market with \$10,000 per year limit	State derived costs from HCBS Waiver maximums for similar costs (MA.1027, MA.40702, and MA.0359), blended with cost data from One Care ⁴ , (FY2021 – 2023).
Kitchen Supplies - Provision of and assistance with obtaining cooking supplies (e.g., pots and pans, utensils, refrigerator) to	N/A	Per year	Actual cost, fair market with \$1,650 limit per month	State derived average costs from 2023 Flexible Services ² data.

⁴ One Care is a MassHealth Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Demonstration program that serves people with disabilities ages 22-64 who are dually enrolled in MassHealth and Medicare.

meet the Enrollee's nutritional and dietary needs				
Nutrition Transportation - Provision of and assistance with transportation to access or utilize nutrition food prescription or nutrition education services	N/A	Per trip	Actual cost, fair market with \$280 limit per month	State derived average costs from 2023 Flexible Services ² data.

Services with a fee schedule, up to a maximum

Service	Fee Schedule	Unit	Rate	Methodology
Housing Navigation (Services) - Assistance to help an Enrollee experiencing housing instability to access benefits, negotiate with landlords, seek out legal assistance, apply for new housing (if needed), or take other actions in order to help stabilize an Enrollee's housing situation	Services: \$400 flat fee	Services: Per month. Limit of 8 months per enrollee	Per unit; subject to maximum allowable ⁵	State established fees based on 2024 Community Support Provider – Tenancy Preservation Program ⁶ rates blended with 2023 Flexible Services utilization and case ratio data.
Healthy Homes (Services) - Goods and/or remediation services proven to improve housing conditions related to health needs that are not the responsibility of the housing owner/landlord	Services: Delivery/installation of goods: \$150 flat fee In home environmental assessment: \$250 flat fee	Services: Delivery/installation of goods: per instance In home environmental assessment: per assessment, limit	Per unit; subject to maximum allowable ⁵	State derived average costs from 2023 Flexible Services ² data.

⁵ Upper payment limit of 125% of the rate. The 125% factor is to allow for variation in costs over time and across geographies.

⁶ Community Support Provider – Tenancy Preservation Program (CSP-TPP) is an authorized MassHealth 1115 waiver demonstration service. Further information available in the Massachusetts Code of Regulations 130 CMR 461 and 101 CMR 362

	Coordination with remediation contractors: \$200 flat fee	one per enrollee per year Coordination with remediation contractors: per remediation service		
Home Modifications (Services) - A physical adaptation to an Enrollee's primary private home that is medically necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the Enrollee or that enables the Enrollee to function with greater independence in their home	Services: Needs Assessment: \$500 flat fee Develop Home Modifications Plan: \$800 flat fee Construction Supervision: \$800 flat fee	Services: Needs Assessment: per assessment, per year Develop Home Modifications Plan: per plan, per year Construction Supervision: per year	Per unit; subject to maximum allowable ⁵	State derived costs from State-funded Home Modification Loan Program FY21 information ⁷ .
Housing Search - Assistance to help an Enrollee experiencing homelessness locate, move into, and maintain housing	Housing Search Services: \$400 flat fee	Per month; limit of 15 months per enrollee.	Per unit; subject to maximum allowable ⁵	State blended fees from 2024 Community Support Provider – Homeless Individuals ⁸ services, HCBS Waiver rates data (MA.40702, MA.0359, and MA.1027), and 2023 Flexible Services utilization and case ratio data.
Nutrition Education Classes and Skills Development - Provision of nutrition	1:1 Nutrition Education: \$17.37	1:1 Nutrition Education: Per 15-minute increment	1:1 Nutrition Education Rate: \$17.37 per 15	1:1 Nutrition Education based on blended 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational

⁷ The Massachusetts Legislature established the Home Modification Loan Program in 1999 to provide low or no-interest loans to homeowners and landlords for necessary housing adaptations or modifications to improve accessibility for older adults and individuals with disabilities. More information is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/home-modification-loan-program-hmlp>

⁸ Community Support Provider – Homeless Individuals (CSP-HI) is an authorized MassHealth 1115 waiver demonstration service. Further information available in the Massachusetts Code of Regulations 130 CMR 461

education classes and skills development (e.g., cooking classes as education) for the purposes of meeting the Enrollee's nutritional and dietary needs	Nutrition Education Classes: \$92	Nutrition Education Classes: Per Class	minutes, subject to maximum allowable ⁵ Nutrition Education Classes: Actual cost for education class, subject to maximum allowable ¹	Employment and Wage Statistics for Massachusetts for Community Health Workers, Case Managers, and Social Workers, factoring in expected non-client hours. State derived Nutrition Education Classes fees from 2023 Flexible Services ² cost data.
Nutrition Counseling - Provision of nutrition counseling for the purposes of meeting the Enrollee's nutritional and dietary needs	\$20.86	Per 15-minute increment	Rate: \$20.86 per 15 minutes, subject to maximum allowable ⁵	Based on Bureau of Labor Statistics 2024 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, factoring in expected non-client hours.
Application Assistance - Assisting the Enrollee with obtaining discretionary or entitlement benefits and tax credits (e.g., helping Enrollee fill out the initial application, monitoring the applications process and status, helping the Enrollee gather needed documentation)	\$17.37	Per 15-minute increment	Rate: \$17.37 per 15 minutes subject to maximum allowable ⁵	1:1 Nutrition Education based on blended 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics for Massachusetts for Community Health Workers, Case Managers, and Social Workers, factoring in expected non-client hours.
Benefit Maintenance Assistance - Assisting the Enrollee in maintaining access to nutrition benefits in the form of coaching, support, and education to the Enrollee.	\$17.37	Per 15-minute increment	Rate: \$17.37 per 15 minutes subject to maximum allowable ⁵	1:1 Nutrition Education-based on blended 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics for Massachusetts for Community Health Workers, Case Managers, and Social Workers, factoring in expected non-client hours.