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September 17, 2025

VIA E-MAIL

Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Secretary
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 25-0018

Dear Secretary Mahaniah:

For your records, this is an approved copy of Massachusetts's Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA 25-0018. This ABP amendment submitted through the Medicaid Model Data Lab (MMDL No. MA.0806.R00.19) on June 27, 2025, meets all federal statutory and regulatory requirements for establishing an ABP.

The state submitted this SPA to update the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) to add licensed mental health counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists to the other practitioners' service provider type. This SPA was approved on September 17, 2025, with an effective date of April 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of the CMS-179 (Summary Page) and the approved Alternative Benefit Plan pages for incorporation into the Massachusetts State Plan.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Ambrosia Watts, Division of Program Operations (South Branch) at (410) 786-1562 or via e-mail at Ambrosia.Watts1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Shantrina Roberts.

Shantrina Roberts, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: **Massachusetts**

Transmittal Number:

Enter the Transmittal Number (TN), including dashes, in the format SS-YY-NNNN or SS-YY-NNNN-xxxx (with xxxx being optional to specific SPA types), where SS = 2-character state abbreviation, YY = last 2 digits of submission year, NNNN = 4-digit number with leading zeros, and xxxx = OPTIONAL, 1- to 4-character alpha/numeric suffix.

MA-25-0018-00

Proposed Effective Date

04/01/2025 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(a); 42 CFR 440.300 et seq.

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	2025	\$ 0.00
Second Year	2026	\$ 0.00

Subject of Amendment

An amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to update the Standard Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) State Plan to update Other Licensed Practitioners? Services to include licensed mental health counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist.

Governor's Office Review

☐ Governor's office reported no comment

☐ Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

☐ No reply received within 45 days of submittal

☒ Other, as specified

Describe:

Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By:

Alison Kirchgasser

Last Revision Date:

Sep 8, 2025

Submit Date:

Jun 27, 2025



Alternative Benefit Plan

State Name:

Attachment 3.1-L-

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: MA - 25 - 0018

Benefits Description

ABP5

The state/territory proposes a "Benchmark-Equivalent" benefit package.

Benefits Included in Alternative Benefit Plan

Enter the specific name of the base benchmark plan selected:

Enter the specific name of the section 1937 coverage option selected, if other than Secretary-Approved. Otherwise, enter "Secretary-Approved."



Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 1. Essential Health Benefit: Ambulatory patient services

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Outpatient Hospital Service

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, physical and occupational therapy services provided by an outpatient hospital require PA after 20 visits in a 12-month period. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Hospice Care

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Hospice Care is provided in accordance with section 1905(o) of the Social Security Act and Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act.

Those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS) must receive certification of terminal illness and elect hospice benefits.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Audiologists' Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None



Alternative Benefit Plan

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Audiologists' Services."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain high-cost and replacement hearing aids are covered with prior authorization (PA). For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Chiropractors' Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

20 visits/treatments per member per calendar year

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Chiropractors' Services."

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Physicians' Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Physicians' services whether furnished in the office, the patient's home, a hospital, a nursing facility or elsewhere."



Alternative Benefit Plan

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, reconstructive surgery and non-emergency out-of-state services provided by a physician who practices beyond 50-miles of the state border. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Diagnostic Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services, such as Breast MRI, are covered with prior authorization (PA). For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Screening Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, utilization management may apply.

Benefit Provided:

Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioners' Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan



Alternative Benefit Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Home Health: Part-time Nursing Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Home health services: Intermittent or part time nursing services provided by a home health agency or by a registered nurse when no home health agency exists in the area."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), Home Health Services may require prior authorization (PA) in excess of limitation; for example: intermittent and part time nursing requires authorization after 30 nursing visits in a calendar year. These 30 nursing visits within a calendar year include any combination of nursing services. This PA threshold resets every January 1st of the calendar year. After the threshold for PA is exceeded services must be provided through a PA. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Clinic Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Below



Alternative Benefit Plan

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), (1) MassHealth covers clinic services provided by the following: Designated Emergency Mental Health Providers, Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Family Planning Clinics, Sterilization Clinics, Radiation Oncology Centers, Renal Dialysis Clinics, Rehabilitation Centers, Speech and Hearing Centers, Mental Health Centers, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Clinics, Limited Services Clinics, and Urgent Care Clinics; (2) MassHealth applies NCCI edits to providers of clinic services who bill using those codes; (3) Prior authorization is required for out of state FASC services when the FASC is located more than 50 miles from the Massachusetts border; (4) family planning clinics may be paid for a maximum of one HIV pre-test and one HIV post-test counseling visit per member per test per day, and a maximum of four HIV pre-test and four HIV post-test counseling visits per calendar year; (5) MassHealth covers medication assisted treatment for opioid dependency at opioid treatment service centers, in accordance with applicable clinical standards.

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

FQHC Services and other Amb. Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Federally qualified health center (FQHC) services and other ambulatory services."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), services provided at FQHCs are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Rural Health Clinic Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None



Alternative Benefit Plan

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Rural Health Clinic Services and other ambulatory services furnished by a rural health clinic."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), services provided at RHCs are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Family Planning Services and Supplies

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Family planning services and supplies for individuals of child-bearing age."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Home Health: Aide Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

Other

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Home health services: Home health aide services provided by a home health agency." Prior authorization is required after 240 home health aide units in a calendar year. Prior authorization is also required for home health aide services after 20 occupational-therapy, 20 physical-therapy, or 35 speech-language therapy visits in a calendar year. Additionally, prior authorization is required when the member requires home health aide services in addition to therapy services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply.



Alternative Benefit Plan

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Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 2. Essential Health Benefit: Emergency services

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Emergency Hospital Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

●other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Covered without limitations.

Benefit Provided:

Transportation - Emergent

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

None

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

●other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Covered without limitations.

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 3. Essential Health Benefit: Hospitalization

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Inpatient Hospital Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

●other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Inpatient hospital services (other than those provided in an institution for mental disease)."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), as a condition of payment, MassHealth requires preadmission screening for all elective admissions to acute hospitals and for all admissions to a chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital, except for members with other insurance (including Medicare). Additionally, certain specific services in the acute inpatient hospital setting are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, certain drugs and biologics administered during the acute inpatient admission require PA.

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 4. Essential Health Benefit: Maternity and newborn care

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Nurse-midwife Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Physicians' Services: Maternity

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Inpatient Hospital Services: Maternity

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None



Alternative Benefit Plan

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Inpatient Hospital Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Outpatient Hospital Services: Maternity

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Outpatient Hospital Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Source:

Remove

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

- ☒ 5. Essential Health Benefit: Mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment

Collapse All ☐

- ☒ The state/territory assures that it does not apply any financial requirement or treatment limitation to mental health or substance use disorder benefits in any classification that is more restrictive than the predominant financial requirement or treatment limitation of that type applied to substantially all medical/surgical benefits in the same classification.

Benefit Provided:

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

- Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

The state offers mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment for all members under state plan benefits including Physicians' Services, Clinic Services, ● Outpatient Hospital Services, FQHCs, RHCs, Inpatient Hospital Services, Emergency Hospital Services, and EPSDT. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA. MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA. Inpatient services provided in an IMD are limited to members under the age of 21 or over the age of 64.

Benefit Provided:

● LP: Psychologist

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Psychological assessment, case consultation and family consultation, diagnostic service evaluation, individual therapy, couple therapy, family therapy, and group therapy.

- Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: ● Other Practitioners' Services." MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA.

Benefit Provided:

Rehabilitative: MH/SUD Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove



Alternative Benefit Plan

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services, Clinic Services, Other Licensed Practitioner Services, Outpatient Hospital Services and Inpatient Hospital Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA. MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA. Inpatient services provided in an IMD are limited to members under the age of 21 or over the age of 64.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Case consultation and family consultation, diagnostic service evaluation, individual therapy, couple therapy, family therapy, and group therapy.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: other practitioners' services. MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Case consultation and family consultation, diagnostic service evaluation, individual therapy, couple therapy, family therapy, and group therapy.



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Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: other practitioners' services. MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA.

Benefit Provided:

OLP: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Case consultation and family consultation, diagnostic service evaluation, individual therapy, couple therapy, family therapy, and group therapy.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: other practitioners' services. MassHealth requires managed care contractors to provide certification with MHPAEA.

Add



Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 6. Essential Health Benefit: Prescription drugs

- ☒ The state/territory assures that the ABP prescription drug benefit plan is the same as under the approved Medicaid State Plan for prescribed drugs.

Benefit Provided:

Coverage is at least the greater of one drug in each U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the base benchmark.

Prescription Drug Limits (Check all that apply.):

- ☒ Limit on days supply
- ☐ Limit on number of prescriptions
- ☐ Limit on brand drugs
- ☒ Other coverage limits
- ☐ Preferred drug list

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

State licensed

Coverage that exceeds the minimum requirements or other:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' ABP prescription drug benefit is the same as under the approved Medicaid state plan for prescribed drugs.



Alternative Benefit Plan

☒ 7. Essential Health Benefit: Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices

Collapse All ☐

- ☒ The state/territory assures that it is not imposing limits on habilitative services and devices that are more stringent than limits on rehabilitative services (45 CFR 156.115(a)(5)(ii)). Further, the state/territory understands that separate coverage limits must also be established for rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices. Combined rehabilitative and habilitative limits are allowed, if these limits can be exceeded based on medical necessity.

Benefit Provided:

Therapies and Related Services: Physical therapy

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

20 visits per 12-month period

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Diversional and recreational therapies are not covered.

● Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Therapies and Related Services: Physical Therapy." Rehabilitative and habilitative physical therapy to improve, or prevent the worsening of a congenital or acquired condition is provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110. MassHealth pays for maintenance therapy performed by a licensed therapist when the therapist's specialized knowledge and judgment are required to perform services that are part of a maintenance program.

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Therapies and RS: ● Occupational Therapy

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

20 visits per 12-month period

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Diversional and recreational therapies are not covered.

● Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Therapies and Related Services: ● Occupational Therapy."

Rehabilitative and habilitative occupational therapy to improve, or prevent the worsening of a congenital or acquired condition is provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110. MassHealth pays for maintenance therapy performed by a licensed therapist when the therapist's specialized knowledge and judgment are required to perform services that are part of a maintenance program. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.



Alternative Benefit Plan

Benefit Provided:

Therapies and RS: Speech, Hearing, and Language

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

35 visits per 12-month period

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Diversional and recreational therapies are not covered.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Therapies and Related Services: Services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders."

Rehabilitative and habilitative speech therapy to improve, or prevent the worsening of a congenital or acquired condition is provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110. MassHealth pays for maintenance therapy performed by a licensed therapist when the therapist's specialized knowledge and judgment are required to perform services that are part of a maintenance program.

For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Home Health: Med Supplies, Equip., and Appliances

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Home Health Services: Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), MassHealth covers medically necessary medical supplies, equipment and appliances (DME) that can be appropriately used in any setting in which normal life activities take place, and in certain circumstances for use in facilities. DME that is appropriate for use in the member's home may also be used in the community. Certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, hospital beds for home use and liquid oxygen systems. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.



Alternative Benefit Plan

Benefit Provided:

Prosthetic Devices

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist: Prosthetic Devices."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), MassHealth covers medically necessary prosthetics and orthotics services, including repairs after the exhaustion of manufacturer warranties. Certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, electronic elbows and some upper extremity prostheses. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Nursing Facility Services for 21 or Older

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Non-custodial nursing care

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Nursing facility services (other than services in an institution for mental diseases) for individuals 21 years of age or older."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the MassHealth agency requires clinical authorizations for nursing-facility services. New clinical authorizations may be required in some circumstances such as when a member is transferred from one nursing facility to another or converts to Medicaid from Medicare or a third party private payer. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Home Health: PT, OT, SP and Audiology Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove



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Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Diversional and recreational therapies are not covered.

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: "Home health services: Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility."

If a member requires home health aide services in addition to therapy services, prior authorization is required whenever the services provided exceed any of the limits set forth for home health therapy or home health aide services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Add



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☒ 8. Essential Health Benefit: Laboratory services

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Other Laboratory and X-ray Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, BRCA genetic testing. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Add



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☒ 9. Essential Health Benefit: Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management

Collapse All ☐

The state/territory must provide, at a minimum, a broad range of preventive services including: “A” and “B” services recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force; Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines; preventive care and screening for infants, children and adults recommended by HRSA’s Bright Futures program/project; and additional preventive services for women recommended by the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

Benefit Provided:

Preventive Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those summarized under Physicians' Services apply. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Face-to-face Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Authorization required in excess of limitation

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

16 group and individual sessions/12 months

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

Within the State Plan this benefit is entitled: Face-to-face tobacco cessation counseling services for pregnant women. Tobacco cessation services are not only covered for pregnant women. The State provides tobacco cessation services under the State Plan benefits including Physicians' Services, Outpatient and Inpatient Hospital Services, Prescribed Drugs, Preventive Services, FQHCs, and RHCs. For those members receiving benefits fee for service, MassHealth covers a total of 16 group and individual counseling sessions per member per 12-month cycle, without prior authorization. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Add



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☒ 10. Essential Health Benefit: Pediatric services including oral and vision care

Collapse All ☐

Benefit Provided:

Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

For members receiving benefits fee for service, certain services are covered with prior authorization, for example, members are limited to one comprehensive eye examination within a 12 month period unless additional services are medically necessary. The MassHealth agency pays for all medically necessary pediatric services, including oral and vision care services, for EPSDT-eligible members, without regard to service limitations. Such additional services require prior authorization.

Benefit Provided:

Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

● other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Title: Inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals under 21 years of age.
For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), a screening team must screen a member under age 21 prior to admission to a psychiatric inpatient hospitalization. The MassHealth agency pays for all medically necessary psychiatric inpatient hospital services for EPSDT-eligible members, without regard to service limitations. Such additional services require prior authorization. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Benefit Provided:

Medicaid State Plan EPSDT Benefits

Source:

State Plan 1905(a)

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan



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Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Nursing facility services for patients under 21 years of age."

For members under age 21 receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the MassHealth agency requires authorizations from a medical review team for nursing-facility services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Other Covered Benefits from Base Benchmark	Collapse All <input type="checkbox"/>
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☒ 12. Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered due to Substitution or Duplication

Collapse All ☐

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Acupuncture -- Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services, Clinic Services, FQHCs, and RHCs under EHB 1; and Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3. MassHealth provides acupuncture for pain relief, as a substitute for anesthesia and as a substance abuse treatment.

Base benchmark plan: limited to 20 procedures per person per calendar year, for anesthesia and pain relief.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Outpatient Hospital, Clinic, or ASC - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as Outpatient Hospital Services and Clinic Services under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Hospice – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as Hospice Care under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Audiologist and Hearing Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as Outpatient Hospital Services and OLP: Audiologists' Services under EHB 1; Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3; and Home Health Services: Medical Supplies, Equipment, and Appliances under EHB 7.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Chiropractic – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as OLP: Chiropractors' Services under EHB 1.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Foot Care - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physician Services under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Physician Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Diagnostic and Treatment Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Clinic Services, Diagnostic Services and Screening Services under EHB 1; and Other Laboratory and X-ray Services under EHB 8.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Adult Preventive Care - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as FQHC, RHC, Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services and Screening Services under EHB 1; Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3; and Preventive Services under EHB 9.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Nurse Practitioner - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioner Services, FQHCs and RHCs under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Skilled Nursing Facility – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Nursing Facility Services for 21 or Older under EHB 7;



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and "Nursing facility services for patients under 21 years of age" under EHB 10.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Maternity Care – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services: Maternity, Nurse-midwife services, Outpatient Hospital Services: Maternity and Inpatient Hospital Services: Maternity under EHB 4.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Inpatient Hospital - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Mental Health and SUD Services - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services, Clinic Services, FQHCs, and RHCs under EHB 1; Emergency Hospital Services under EHB 2; Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, OLP: Psychologist, OLP: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, OLP: Licensed Mental Health Counselor, OLP: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and Rehabilitative Services: MH/SUD under EHB 5; and Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3.

Base Benchmark: Psychological testing is limited to testing necessary to determine the appropriate psychiatric treatment. All services under the benefit require pre-certification. Excluded services include: services by pastoral, marital, drug/alcohol and other counselors including therapy for sexual problems; treatments for learning disabilities and mental retardation; telephone therapy; travel time to member's home to conduct therapy; services rendered or billed by schools, or halfway houses or members of their staffs; marriage counseling; and services that are not medically necessary.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

PT and OT – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Therapies and Related services: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Home Health: PT, OT, SP, and Audiology Services under EHB 7.

Base Benchmark: All physical and occupational therapy visits require preauthorization. The benefit covers rehabilitation services only. In addition, the benefit is limited to 60 physical therapy and occupational therapy visits per person per calendar year, combined. (One visit is two hours or less of physical or occupational therapy.)



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Speech Therapy – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services and Clinic Services under EHB 1; and Therapies and Related Services: Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders, and Home Health: PT, OT, SP and Audiology Services under EHB 7.

Base Benchmark: All speech therapy visits require preauthorization. The benefit covers rehabilitation services only. In addition, the benefit is limited to 30 visits per person per calendar year (one visit is two hours or less of speech therapy); and speech therapy is only covered when a physician:

- orders the care
- identifies the specific professional skills the patient requires and the medical necessity for skilled services
- indicates the length of time the services are needed

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Family Planning Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Clinic Services, FQHCs, RHCs, and Family Planning Services and Supplies under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Infertility Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered under the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Diagnostic Services, Clinic Services, FQHCs, and RHCs under EHB 1; and Laboratory and X-ray services under EHB 8. MassHealth benefits are limited to the diagnosis and treatment of infertility as an underlying medical condition.

Base benchmark: benefits are limited to the diagnosis and treatment of infertility as an underlying medical condition.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Preventive Care, Children – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as FQHCs, RHCs, Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services and Screening Services under EHB 1; Preventive Services under EHB 9; and EPSDT under EHB 10.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Allergy Care – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services, Diagnostic Services, Screening



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Services, FQHCs, and RHCs under EHB 1.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Treatment Therapies – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Prescribed Drugs under EHB 6; Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services, Clinic Services, FQHCs and RHCs under EHB 1; and Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Orthopedic and Prosthetic Devices – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services and Outpatient Hospital Services in EHB 1; Inpatient Hospital Services in EHB 3; and "Prescribed drugs, dentures and prosthetic devices, and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist: Prosthetic Devices" in EHB 7.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Durable Medical Equipment – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in Medicaid state plan as "Home Health: medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home" in EHB 7.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Home Health Services – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid State Plan as Home Health: Part-time Nursing Services and Home Health: Aide Services under EHB 1.

The base benchmark Home Health Services benefit is exclusively for part-time nursing.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Educational Classes and Programs – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: Diabetes education and nutritional counseling are covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services under EHB 1. Tobacco cessation counseling is covered in the Medicaid state plan as Tobacco Cessation Counseling services under EHB 9 and Prescription Drugs under EHB 6.

Base benchmark: Coverage for tobacco cessation counseling services under this benefit is limited to 8 sessions per calendar year.



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Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Surgical Procedures – Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Physicians' Services and Outpatient Hospital Services under EHB 1; and Inpatient Hospital Services under EHB 3.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Ambulance - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Transportation - Emergent under EHB 2.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Prescription Drugs - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Prescription Drugs under EHB 6.

Base Benchmark Benefit that was Substituted:

Emergency Services - Duplication

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain the substitution or duplication, including indicating the substituted benefit(s) or the duplicate section 1937 benchmark benefit(s) included above under Essential Health Benefits:

Duplication: covered in the Medicaid state plan as Emergency Hospital Services under EHB 2.

Add



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☒ 13. Other Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered

Collapse All ☐

Base Benchmark Benefit not Included in the Alternative Benefit Plan:

Christian Science Facilities

Source:

Base Benchmark

Remove

Explain why the state/territory chose not to include this benefit:

GEHA Benefit Name: Care provided at Christian Science Facilities and by Christian Science Practitioners. MassHealth does not cover this provider type; however, all the medically necessary services they provide are covered in this ABP through various categories including Physicians' Services and Outpatient Hospital Services under EHB 1.

Add



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☒ 14. Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits

Collapse All ☐

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Amb services offered by PHSA Health Centers

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Ambulatory services offered by a health center receiving funds under section 329, 330, or 340 of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) to a pregnant woman or individual under 18 years of age."

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), services provided at PHSA Health Centers are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Freestanding Birth Center Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), services provided at FSBCs are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP, including Physicians' Services and Nurse Midwife Services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Optometrist's Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None



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Scope Limit:

See below for scope limits

Other:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Optometrists' services."

Those members age 21 and older receiving benefits fee for service (FFS) are limited to one comprehensive eye examination within a 24-month period; additional services are provided when medically necessary. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Eyeglasses

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See below for scope limits

Other:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist: Eyeglasses."
Exclusions consist of absorptive lenses of greater than 25% absorption, prisms obtained by decentration; contact lenses for extended wear use; invisible bifocals; and Welsh 4-drop lenses.
For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, certain high-index lenses, special needs glasses, and glass lenses. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Personal Care Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), personal care is provided as a self-directed service. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management



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may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Targeted Case Management Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

State Plan Title: Case Management Services. FFS members seeking TCM are subject to the eligibility criteria described in the state plan in Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A.

- Case Management for Medicaid Recipients Age 18 and Older who are Diagnosed with AIDS and Living in a staffed, congregate residential program which meets the Department of Public Health (DPH) funding requirements for the AIDS/HIV Bureau, Supportive Residential Services program which require that a person be HIV positive, and in which no more than three mentally and/or physically impaired individuals share a single bedroom and bathroom.
- Case Management for Individuals eligible for Medical Assistance and for services provided, purchased, or arranged by the Department of Mental Retardation, not including individuals who reside in ICFs/MR.
- Case Management for Individuals with Mental Illness as Determined by the Department of Mental Health (DMH).
- Case Management for Individuals under age 21 with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED).
- Case Management for Children Committed to the Department of Youth Services.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Dental

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Covered with the limitations outlined below

Other:

All medically necessary dental services for EPSDT-eligible members are covered without regard to service limitations.

For members age 21 or over coverage for dental services is limited to the following: diagnostic services including oral evaluation (comprehensive and periodic) and radiographs; preventive services including prophylaxis; emergency care visits; certain restorative services (all fillings); certain prosthodontic services (full and partial dentures including repairs); extractions; anesthesia; treatment of complications related to surgery; certain oral surgery such as biopsies and soft-tissue surgery; and certain periodontal services, including gingivectomies, gingivoplasties, and periodontal scaling and root planing. In addition, there are



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limited exceptions that allow for topical fluoride when documented as medically necessary.

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, orthodontic services and removal of impacted teeth (completely bony). For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Intermediate Care Facility Services for IID

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

State Plan Benefit Title: "Intermediate care facility services (other than such services in an institution for mental diseases) for persons determined, in accordance with section 1902(a)(31)(A) of the Act, to be in need of such care."

Coverage is limited to state school ICF/MR (these schools have more than 15 beds). For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Transportation - Non-emergent

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Non-emergency transportation is covered to the same extent as described in the approved Medicaid state plan for transportation. For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), all forms of transportation except public transportation require prior authorization from the MassHealth agency. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Private Duty Nursing Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove



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Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Not provided in a hospital of skilled nursing facility

Other:

Coverage is provided as defined in the state plan 3.1-A and 3.1-B pages under 8. Private Duty Nursing Services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Rehabilitative Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Rehabilitative services other than mental health. For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), the same prior authorization requirements as those outlined under Physicians' Services, Outpatient Hospital Services and Inpatient Hospital Services apply. Certain long term services and supports require screening for clinical authorization; for example, adult day health, adult foster care, group adult foster care, and day habilitation. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Podiatrist

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Other than routine foot care services

Other:

State Plan Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Podiatrist." The following limits are hard limits for members aged 21 and older: Office visits are limited to one initial visit; one



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limited visit per 30 day period; one extended visit per 30 day period; and one follow up visit per week. Out of office visits are limited to one visit in a 30 day period in a long-term-care facility or the member's home and two visits in a 30 day period in a hospital setting. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Other Practitioners' Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Below

Other:

State Plan Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care provided by licensed practitioners" furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Other Licensed Practitioners' Services (OLP)". OLP Services not listed elsewhere also include hearing instrument specialist services, public health dental hygienist services, and acupuncturist services. Hearing instrument specialist services are limited to the practice of fitting and dispensing of hearing aids which means measurement of human hearing solely for the purpose of making selections, adaptations or sales of hearing aids intended to compensate for impaired hearing. Acupuncturist services are limited to the practice of providing medically necessary acupuncture for the treatment of pain and as a substance use disorder treatment. For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), certain specific services are covered with prior authorization (PA); for example, certain high-cost hearing aids. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Extended Services for Pregnant Women

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), qualified providers are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP, including Physicians' Services and Outpatient Hospital Services. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.



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Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Nursing Fac. Serv. for 21 or Older: Custodial Care

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

Custodial Nursing Care

Other:

State Plan Title: "Nursing facility services (other than services in an institution for mental diseases) for individuals 21 years of age or older."

For members receiving benefits FFS, the MassHealth agency requires clinical authorizations for nursing-facility services. New clinical authorizations may be required in some circumstances such as when a member is transferred from one nursing facility to another or converts to Medicaid from Medicare or a third party private payer. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

OLP: Midlevel Practitioners' Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See below

Other:

State Plan Title: "Medical care and any other type of remedial care provided by licensed practitioners furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law: Midlevel Practitioners' Services". This includes services of certain midlevel practitioners (e.g., clinical nurse specialists, psychiatric clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and certified nurse practitioners) not listed elsewhere. Services that are not covered include experimental, unproven, cosmetic, or otherwise medically unnecessary procedures or treatments; the treatment of male or female infertility (including, but not limited to, laboratory tests, drugs and procedures associated with such treatment); however, diagnosis of male or female infertility is covered. Limits on covered services can be exceeded when medically necessary, with prior authorization. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Medication Assisted Treatment

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove



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Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

None

Other:

Confirming coverage for the mandatory MAT benefit for drugs and biological products and related counseling services and behavioral therapy under the SUPPORT Act under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services including behavioral health treatment and EHB 6: Prescription Drugs.

MAT is provided as defined in the approved state plan 3.1A and if applicable, 3.1B pages.

MAT is provided in accordance with 1905(a)(29) for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Routine Patient Costs: Qualifying Clinical Trials

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

None

Duration Limit:

None

Scope Limit:

See Below

Other:

Confirming coverage of routine patient costs in qualifying clinical trials as required under Section 1905(a)(30). Coverage is provided as defined in the state plan 3.1A and 3.1B pages under "Coverage of Routine Patient Cost in Qualifying Clinical Trials".

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Doula Services

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Other

Provider Qualifications:

Medicaid State Plan

Amount Limit:

See below

Duration Limit:

See below

Scope Limit:

See below

Other:

State Plan Title: "Doula Services". For the purpose of this benefit, the terms "Doula", "Labor and



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Delivery” and “Perinatal” are defined in accordance with the Preventive Services section of the Medicaid State Plan. Perinatal visits are covered with the following limitations: up to eight hours of perinatal visits per perinatal period per member without prior authorization. Perinatal visits above these limits require prior authorization. Labor and delivery support is covered with the following limitation: one per perinatal period. Any services requiring clinical or medical licensure are not covered. For those members receiving benefits fee for service (FFS), qualified providers are subject to the same prior authorization requirements summarized in this ABP. For those members receiving benefits through managed care entities, other utilization management may apply that may differ from the FFS authorization that is specified in this SPA.

Other 1937 Benefit Provided:

Source:

Section 1937 Coverage Option Benchmark Benefit Package

Remove

Authorization:

Yes

Provider Qualifications:

Amount Limit:

Duration Limit:

Scope Limit:

Other:

Add



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15. Additional Covered Benefits (This category of benefits is not applicable to the adult group under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act.)

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