

State/Territory Name: Massachusetts

State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-25-0022

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form (with 179-like data)
- 3) Approved SPA Pages

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

December 10, 2025

Mike Levine
Assistant Secretary Executive Office of Human and Health Services
MassHealth
One Ashburton Place
Room 1109
Boston, MA 2108

RE: TN MA-25-0022

Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Massachusetts state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B MA-25-0022, which was submitted to CMS on September 30, 2025. The purpose of this plan amendment is to update the methods and standards used by Massachusetts for payment for mental health centers (MHCs).

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2025. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Robert Bromwell at (410)-786-5914 or via email at Robert.bromwell@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 2 2

2. STATE

M A3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACTTO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

09/01/2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR Part 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 25 \$ 67,000b. FFY 26 \$ 819,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 1a9

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19-B page 1a9-1a9i

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

An amendment to the payment methodologies for mental health centers

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

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COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

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NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

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OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Mike Levine

13. TITLE

Undersecretary for MassHealth

14. DATE SUBMITTED

09/30/2025

15. RETURN TO

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02108**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

9/30/2025

17. DATE APPROVED

December 10, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

September 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State: Massachusetts
Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Other Types of Care

(Item h. Clinic Services, continued)

9. Mental Health Centers

The fee-for-service rates are effective for service provided on or after September 1, 2025. All rates are published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-30600-rates-for-mental-health-services-provided-in-community-health-centers-and-mental-health-centers>. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

Effective September 1, 2025, Mental Health Centers that are designated as Behavioral Health Urgent Care Providers must bill the bundled encounter codes for the provision of any designated service specified as part of the encounter code list published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-30600-rates-for-mental-health-services-provided-in-community-health-centers-and-mental-health-centers>. The designated service codes for all services provided on the same date must be billed under one encounter bundle code to allow the state to monitor service provision. Services that fall outside the scope of the bundled encounter may be billed and reimbursed separately as published on <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-30600-rates-for-mental-health-services-provided-in-community-health-centers-and-mental-health-centers>.

The Behavioral Health Urgent Care encounter bundle rates include services authorized under section 1905(a) of the Act and were developed using provider cost and utilization data for comparable behavioral health encounters, adjusted for practitioner type and service mix. The rates exclude costs related to room and board and other unallowable facility costs. Rates are reviewed at least biennially to ensure consistency with Section 1902(a)(30)(A).