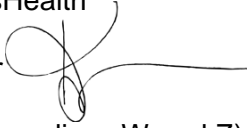




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Transmittal Letter ALL-207  
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**TO:** All Providers Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Kristin L. Thorn, Medicaid Director   
**RE:** *All Provider Manuals (Revised Appendices W and Z)*

This letter transmits revised Appendices W and Z for all MassHealth provider manuals. The revised appendices are effective July 1, 2014.

### **Developmental and Behavioral Health Screens**

MassHealth includes developmental and behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder) screens in the list of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services and Preventive Pediatric Healthcare Screening and Diagnosis (PPHSD) services in accordance with 130 CMR 450.140 through 450.150.

MassHealth has revised Appendix W (EPSDT/PPHSD Periodicity Schedule) which requires providers to choose a clinically appropriate behavioral health screening tool from a menu of approved, standardized tools when conducting a behavioral health screen at a periodic or interperiodic visit. Three additional tools have been added to the list of MassHealth-approved standardized behavioral health screening tools for children under the age of 21. In addition, MassHealth now approves the use of the PHQ-9 tool for members aged 13 and older.

MassHealth has revised Appendix Z (EPSDT/PPHSD Screening Services Codes) to reflect the accurate descriptions of CPT Service Codes 92587 and 96110.

The additional behavioral health screening tools are linked below.

- Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA) [www.infantininstitute.org/measures-manuals/](http://www.infantininstitute.org/measures-manuals/)
- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised, with Follow-up (M-CHAT-R/F) [www2.qsu.edu/~psydlr](http://www2.qsu.edu/~psydlr)
- Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC) [www.theswyc.org/](http://www.theswyc.org/)

### **Menu of Standardized Behavioral Health Screening Tools**

The menu of behavioral health screening tools that primary care providers may use during EPSDT and PPHSD visits is published in Appendix W. These tools accommodate a range of ages while permitting some flexibility for provider preference and clinical judgment.

In performing the behavioral health screening, providers must use a clinically appropriate tool from the following list of approved, standardized behavioral health screening tools.

- (a) Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ: SE);
- (b) Brief Infant-Toddler Social and Emotional Assessment (BITSEA);
- (c) Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends, Trouble, (CRAFFT);
- (d) Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA);
- (e) Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT);
- (f) Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers Revised with Follow-up (M-CHAT-R/F);
- (g) Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS);
- (h) Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9);
- (i) Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) and Pediatric Symptom Checklist-Youth Report (PSC-Y);
- (j) Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ); and
- (k) Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children (SWYC).

For more information about the standardized behavioral health screening tools please go to [www.mass.gov/masshealth/cbhi](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/cbhi). Click on "Screening for Behavioral Health Conditions."

### **MassHealth Website**

This transmittal letter and attached pages are available on the MassHealth website at [www.mass.gov/masshealth](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth).

### **Questions**

If you have any questions about the information in this transmittal letter, please contact the MassHealth Customer Services Center at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to [providersupport@mahealth.net](mailto:providersupport@mahealth.net), or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.

### **NEW MATERIAL**

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

#### **All Provider Manuals**

W-1 through W-6 and Z-1 and Z-2

### **OBSOLETE MATERIAL**

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

#### **All Provider Manuals**

Pages W-1 through W-6 — transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-184

Pages Z-1 and Z-2 — transmitted by Transmittal Letter ALL-155