

Street Medicine

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP), and Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) issued a joint bulletin on September 29, 2023, entitled "Street Medicine". This bulletin supersedes Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 08-23-12 Street Medicine, issued on July 5, 2023.

This bulletin informs providers that specified Medicaid-covered services delivered to MA beneficiaries experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their lived environment, known as street medicine. Covered services include physical and behavioral health services, such as primary care, vaccinations, wound care, counseling, and diagnostics in the lived environment. The bulletin applies to enrolled physicians, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychologists, mobile mental health treatment providers, and outpatient practitioners in mental health.

Effective October 1, 2023, eligible providers may bill with the place of service (POS) code 27 to indicate when a service was delivered to a CBH-eligible member experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their lived environment.

Please refer to the MA Bulletin issued on September 29, 2023, entitled Street Medicine for additional details.