



Health Safety Net Surcharge *or*
Massachusetts Uncompensated Care Pool Surcharge

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We are reaching out to you to let you know about a policy change at Benefit Strategies due to the recent regulation changes that were released about the Health Safety Net Surcharge.

The Health Safety Net Surcharge aka Massachusetts Uncompensated Care Pool is a fund created by the state of Massachusetts to finance health care for the low income and uninsured within that state. The tax is levied upon all health care services rendered at a hospital or ambulatory surgical centers in Massachusetts. Any individual or entity that makes payments for the purchase of health care services by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers must pay the surcharge.

The regulations have clarified that payments made by TPA's to providers regardless of amount are subject to the current tax rate of 1.87%. Beginning immediately, Benefit Strategies is going through the process of registration with the MA Division of Health Care. Once our registration is complete, Benefit Strategies will start calculating the necessary payments for all clients with an HRA using the pay provider method. We will bill those clients for this fee on a monthly basis. Once funds are remitted to Benefit Strategies, we will issue payments to the MA Division of Health Care.

We will be reaching out to all provider pay HRA clients on Friday about this new tax and process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 888-401-3539.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Please contact Benefit Strategies at our toll free number for more information.

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