



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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These Updates, published by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in consultation with the other state agencies involved in ACA implementation, will bring you news related to the implementation of provisions of the ACA here in Massachusetts.

Grants and Demonstrations

The ACA provides funding opportunities to transform how health care is delivered, expand access to care and support healthcare workforce training.

Grant Activity

For information about ACA grants awarded to and grant proposals submitted by the Commonwealth, visit the Grants page of the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform** website at: Mass.Gov

Guidance

Prior guidance can be found at: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html>

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MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration Extension

EOHHS submitted its Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on September 30, 2013. The Demonstration provides federal authority for Massachusetts to expand eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible, offer services that are not typically covered by Medicaid, and use innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs. The current 1115 Demonstration is authorized through June 30, 2014.

The Commonwealth's Demonstration Extension Request outlines the specific authorities being

requested from CMS from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019 to sustain and improve upon the gains in coverage, affordability and access to health care achieved to date under the Demonstration.

The MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration has been a key element in the Commonwealth's achievement of near-universal coverage since the enactment of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006. Now, as required by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and recent state legislation (Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012), the next phase of health care reform focuses on cost containment and delivery system reforms. MassHealth is well positioned to continue its leadership role in these areas by advancing alternative payment methodologies and delivery system transformation. To meet the Demonstration's goals and gain additional benefits through reform, the Commonwealth's partnership with CMS remains central to its continued success.

The 1115 Demonstration Extension Request and related appendices are available at:

Mass.Gov

Upcoming Events

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Stakeholder Meeting

October 23, 2013

2:00 PM -3:30 PM

Worcester Public Library

3 Salem Street

Worcester, MA 01608

Please contact MFP@state.ma.us to RSVP and to request reasonable accommodations. Although RSVPs are greatly appreciated, they are not required.

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals Open Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

State Transportation Building, Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Boston, MA

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussion of key implementation topics for the Duals Demonstration. Please visit the [Materials from Previous Meetings page](#) for information from previous Duals Open Meetings.

We welcome attendance from all stakeholders and members of the public with interest in the Demonstration. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants who need assistance. Please send your request for accommodations to Donna Kymalainen at Donna.Kymalainen@State.MA.US

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals Implementation Council Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2013

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor

Boston, MA 02108

Meetings of the Implementation Council are open to stakeholders and members of the public with an interest in One Care. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants who need assistance. Please send your request for accommodations to Donna Kymalainen at Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us.

MBTA and driving directions to 1 Ashburton Place are located here: [Directions](#)

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at:
[National Health Care Reform](#) to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: [Dual Eligibles](#) for information on the
"Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals" initiative.