



## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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### Quick Links

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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>

### Commonwealth of MA News

#### **MassHealth and Health Safety Net Regulation Changes**

EOHHS has posted proposed changes to MassHealth and Health Safety Net regulations to implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The proposed changes will affect MassHealth and Health Safety Net eligibility, benefits, and operational processes. Specifically, the regulation changes implement the categorical and financial requirements for MassHealth programs authorized by the ACA and changes in Massachusetts state law. In addition, the proposed regulations describe operational changes in the application and redetermination processes. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 10 am in the Daly Conference Room, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA. Written comments are due by Tuesday, November 5,

2013 at 5pm. Additional information about the hearing and instructions for submitting comments can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/ad-2013-october-13-aca-ph.pdf>.

The proposed regulations are available for review online at: (<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/masshealth/masshealth-proposed-regs.html>) or may be requested in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us).

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

### **Massachusetts Health Homes Initiative Public Forum**

November 1, 2013  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor  
Boston, MA

Please RSVP by 5 pm on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 to Donna Kymalainen at [Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us](mailto:Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us). Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Please contact Donna Kymalainen at [Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us](mailto:Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us) to request accommodations by 5 pm on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

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.