



## 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 Announcements

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: [www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/national-health-care-reform-plan/grants-and-demonstrations.html](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/national-health-care-reform-plan/grants-and-demonstrations.html)

### Guidance

**10/30/15 HHS/CMS issued a final rule with comment period called "Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Short Inpatient Hospital Stays; Transition for Certain Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospitals under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review."** The final rule implements portions of the following sections of the ACA: 3138, 3139, 3401, 4104, and 10324.

The final rule revises the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) and the Medicare ambulatory surgical center (ASC) payment system for Calendar Year 2016 to implement applicable statutory requirements and changes arising from CMS' continuing experience with these systems. In the final rule, the agency describes the changes to the amounts and factors used to determine the payment rates for Medicare services paid under the OPPS and those paid under the ASC payment system. In addition, the final rule updates and refines the requirements for the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program and the ASC Quality Reporting Program.

Comments are due December 29, 2015.

Read the final rule (which was published in the Federal Register on November 13, 2015) at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-13/pdf/2015-27943.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-13/pdf/2015-27943.pdf)

Prior guidance can be found at: [www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html)

## Upcoming Events

### **Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals (also known as One Care) Implementation Council Meeting**

Friday, December 11, 2015 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor  
Boston, MA

We welcome attendance from all 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)

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

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



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