



# MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRATION OF PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

DATA RELEASE NOTES

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2021 DATA

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## MA-RPO DATA RELEASE NOTES

These release notes are meant to assist end users in their interpretation and utilization of the 2021 MA-RPO dataset. This document augments, rather than supersedes, the [2015 Data Release Notes](#), the [2017 Data Release Notes](#), the [2018 Data Release Notes](#) and the [2019 Data Release Notes](#). Unless otherwise stated in this document, the items described in the 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019 Data Release notes are also applicable to the 2021 data files and have not been reproduced here. Additional questions on the MA-RPO data can be directed to program staff at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov).

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### Data Year

The MA-RPO Program requires that filings be accurate as of a specific date to enhance uniformity and comparability across filings. The dates for each file in the 2021 filing are listed below.

File	Data Accurate As of:
Background Information	1/1/2021
Corporate Affiliations	1/1/2021
Contracting Affiliations	1/1/2021
Contracting Entity	1/1/2021
Facilities	1/1/2021
Clinical Affiliations	1/1/2021
Physician Roster	1/1/2021
Financial Statements	Reflects the entity's most recently completed fiscal year. This was most often FY 2020 or FY 2021. The fiscal year is reported in each entity's Financial Statement's file.
Payer Mix	Reflects the entity's most recently completed fiscal year.

### Abbreviated Applications

Provider Organizations that were approved to file abbreviated applications did not submit a physician roster as part of their filings. These applicants establish contracts on behalf of a group of physicians that also participate in a larger physician network. For example, a multi-specialty physician practice may establish some fee-for-service contracts independently while also participating in an Independent Physician Association (IPA) for its risk contracts. If the multi-specialty physician practice attested that all of its physicians would be reported on the IPA's physician roster, the MA-RPO Program approved the multi-specialty practice to file an abbreviated application. To identify a Provider Organization whose physician roster includes an abbreviated applicant's physicians, refer to data element RPO-39: Legal Name of Third-Party Contracting Entity(ies) in the abbreviated applicant's Background Information file, or refer to the list below.

Please note that Encompass Health Corporation and Quest Diagnostics Incorporated do not establish any contracts on behalf of physicians, and therefore, while not qualifying for abbreviated applications, have not submitted physician rosters.

The following organizations were approved to file abbreviated applications in 2021:

Abbreviated Applicant	Third-Party Contracting Entity (Provider Organization Legal Name)
Affiliated Pediatric Practices, L.L.C.	Mass General Brigham Physicians Organization. (Mass General Brigham, Inc.)
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Inc.	Boston Accountable Care Organization, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Cambridge Public Health Commission	Beth Israel Lahey Performance Network (Beth Israel Lahey Health)
Cape Cod Healthcare, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
CentMass Association of Physicians, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Charles River Medical Associates, P.C.	Mass General Brigham Community Physicians (Mass General Brigham, Inc.)
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Emerson Health System Inc.	Mass General Brigham Community Physicians (Mass General Brigham, Inc.)
Emerson IPA, Inc.	Mass General Brigham Community Physicians (Mass General Brigham, Inc.)
Hallmark Health IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.)
Harbor Health Services, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. Steward Integrated Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
Harrington HealthCare System Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Heywood Healthcare, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Highland Healthcare Associates IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.); Wellforce Care Plan, LLC (Wellforce, Inc.)
Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association, Inc.	Beth Israel Lahey Performance Network (Beth Israel Lahey Health)
New England Orthopedic Surgeons, Inc.	Baycare Health Partners (Baystate Health, Inc.)
Upham's Corner Health Committee, Inc.	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Valley Medical Group, P.C.	Baycare Health Partners (Baystate Health, Inc.) Cooley Dickinson Physician Hospital Organization, Inc. (Mass General Brigham.)

**2021 Updates to the List of Registering Provider Organizations**

Two organizations that registered in 2019 underwent organizational changes that affected their registration for 2021.

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Beth Israel Lahey Health, Inc.: As of March 1, 2019, Lahey Health System, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization, New England Baptist Hospital, Mount Auburn Hospital, and Seacoast Regional Health Systems became corporately affiliated under the new organization, Beth Israel Lahey Health and were no longer required to register separately with the MA-RPO program.

Lawrence General IPA, Inc.: As of January 1, 2021, Lawrence General IPA, Inc. no longer negotiated contracts with payers or TPAs and was not required to register with the MA-RPO program.

Mass General Brigham, Inc.: Partners HealthCare System, Inc. updated it's legal name to Mass General Brigham, Inc.

### Contact Us

MA-RPO Program staff are always happy to answer questions about the dataset and assist end users with questions or concerns. Staff can be reached by e-mail at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov). Please also see the resources available on our website for additional information.

- For a full description of the 2021 reporting requirements, see the 2021 Data Submission Manual.
- For a full description of the 2019 reporting requirements, see the [2019 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2018 reporting requirements, see the [2018 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2017 reporting requirements, see the [2017 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2015 reporting requirements, see the [2015 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For additional suggestions for using and interpreting the MA-RPO data, see the [2015 Data Release Notes](#), the [2017 Data Release Notes](#), the [2018 Data Release Notes](#), and the [MA-RPO Program Overview](#).
- For a list of frequently asked questions and answers, see the [June 2018 FAQs](#).