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TO: Acute Outpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

RE: **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting and Third-Party Validation Requirements**

Requirements for Acute Outpatient Hospitals

Acute hospitals are subject to the greenhouse gas emissions reporting and external independent third-party validator requirements under Section 6.G of the [Rate Year 2025 Acute Hospital Request for Applications and Contracts](#) (RY25 RFA). MassHealth has issued [Acute Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 198](#) to detail the standards for independent third-party validators and the process by which acute hospitals must submit their selected independent third-party validator for MassHealth approval.

Acute outpatient hospitals are subject to the requirements in Acute Inpatient Bulletin 198, and must refer to that bulletin. All acute hospitals must fill out Appendix A to select the independent third-party validator it intends to use. Appendix A appears in Acute Inpatient Bulletin 198.

Each acute hospital must submit a completed Appendix A for MassHealth approval via email to AcuteHospitalRFA@mass.gov. **Please note:** A single acute hospital enrolled with MassHealth as both acute outpatient and acute inpatient provider types needs to submit only one completed Appendix A.

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