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# **Adult Foster Care Bulletin 35**

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**TO:** Adult Foster Care and Group Adult Foster Care Providers Participating in

MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth

RE: Provider Compliance Notifying MassHealth of any Change in Application

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**Information within 14 Days** 

#### Introduction

In accordance with 130 CMR 450.223: *Provider Contract: Execution of Contract*, MassHealth enrolled providers must notify the MassHealth agency in writing within 14 days of any change in any of the information submitted in the provider application. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of the provider contract.

Providers who fail to notify the MassHealth agency as required may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to recoupments of payments for services rendered, referral to the Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD), or termination of their provider contract.

This bulletin communicates a reminder of the regulatory requirement and does not change anything in 130 CMR 450.223: *Provider Contract: Execution of Contract.* 

# **Change in Application Information**

A change in application information may include but is not limited to:

- Doing business as (DBA)
- Change of ownership (CHOW)
- Change of Corporate Structure (CCS)
- Change of Address

#### **Provider Notification and Process**

#### **Standard process**

MassHealth enrolled providers must notify MassHealth in accordance with applicable regulation requirements. Providers will submit a new application to be processed by the MassHealth Provider Enrollment and Credentialing (PEC).

#### Process for providers who fail to notify MassHealth

If PEC does not have a record of timely notification of a change in application information, PEC will communicate with the provider. Providers have an opportunity to supply documentation, within five business days, to show that the provider notified MassHealth within 14 days of a change. If PEC has made an error regarding receipt of notification, it will correct its records. PEC may direct the provider to complete a new application at this time.

# Process for providers who cannot provide documentation demonstrating an error in compliance

PEC will direct the provider to complete a new application. Providers have 14 days to complete the new application. If the application is not completed within 14 days, MassHealth or their representative will communicate any further action taken by the agency. This may include sanctions or other actions taken by the agency. The provider's enrollment status is contingent upon satisfying all required steps, including any applicable sanction agreements.

#### **MassHealth Website**

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