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**TO:** All Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Tom Dehner, Acting Medicaid Director

RE: MassHealth's Wellness Program Member Brochure

Wellness BrochureMassHealth is sending a wellness brochure to all MassHealth members<br/>to encourage them to see their health-care providers, with particular<br/>emphasis on the areas of smoking cessation, screening for early<br/>detection of diabetes, teen-pregnancy prevention, cancer screening for<br/>early detection, and stroke education. The Wellness Program under<br/>M.G.L. c. 118E, s. 54, is one of the initiatives being undertaken as part of<br/>the Health Care Reform bill passed in April 2006.

Providers play a major role in supporting MassHealth members. Member visits offer **you** the opportunity to inform members about risk factors associated with tobacco use, diabetes, cancer, and stroke, and to discuss protective factors such as screening for diabetes and cancer, teen reproductive health, healthy food choices, and physical activity. We encourage members and providers to partner in order to improve the health and well-being of MassHealth members.

The brochure, developed through the collaborative efforts of providers, agencies, and other stakeholders, can be found at <u>www.mass.gov/masshealth/wellness</u>.

Questions If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.