




**MassHealth
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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 
RE: **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Issue New Revalidation Guidelines**

Background

MassHealth began its provider revalidation initiative as required by Section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act in March 2014. Providers who were enrolled with MassHealth on or before March 25, 2011, are required to complete their revalidation by March 24, 2016.

Changes Simplify MassHealth Provider Revalidation Process

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have made a change to the Provider Revalidation Requirements that will make the MassHealth revalidation process easier for many providers.

A provider's enrollment in Medicare may satisfy the Medicaid revalidation process for certain providers who are enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare and meet the following five criteria.

1. The MassHealth provider has an active Medicare ID.
2. The MassHealth provider's name listed with Medicare matches the "doing business as" (DBA) name listed with MassHealth.
3. The MassHealth provider's DBA address(es) listed with MassHealth match the Medicare practice location(s) listed with Medicare.
4. Any owners listed with MassHealth match the owners listed with Medicare.
5. The provider's Medicare-assigned risk category is equal to or higher than (*e.g.*, the same as or more stringent than) the provider's Medicaid-assigned risk category.

MassHealth Provider Enrollment and Credentialing will review those providers who also participate in Medicare to verify the criteria listed above. If discrepancies are found, MassHealth Provider Enrollment and Credentialing will contact the provider for the appropriate next steps. If no discrepancies are found, MassHealth will notify the provider that no further action will be required of the provider for revalidation.

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Reminder

Please check that your location and ownership information is current with the MassHealth Provider Online Service Center (POSC). You can update your information here through the [POSC](#) website.

Please note: MassHealth providers who do not participate in Medicare, or who MassHealth determines do not meet these criteria, must follow the MassHealth revalidation procedures as outlined in the [All Provider Bulletin 250](#) and the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/masshealth.

Questions

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