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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Ryan Schwarz, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: **Continued Access to Care for MassHealth Members Transitioning from Managed Care to Fee-For-Service**

Background

MassHealth has updated its managed care enrollment rules. Members who transition from a MassHealth managed care plan to MassHealth's fee-for-service (FFS) program, including those who transition in the second half of 2026, may continue to see their providers if their provider is a MassHealth FFS provider. These changes will not affect MassHealth members' eligibility. Find more information about managed care enrollment at [130 CMR 508.000](#).

Prior Authorization and Pre-Admission Screening Transfers

For impacted members who have received prior approval from a managed care plan for MassHealth covered services that require prior authorization (PA) or pre-admission screening (PAS), and for which PA or PAS is required under the MassHealth FFS program, MassHealth intends to transfer managed care plan approvals into their FFS system.

Impacted members may have selected their provider in the FFS network after their approved PAs/PASs were transferred into the FFS system. As a result, notifications for these PAs/PASs will not be sent to the providers serving these members.

To confirm whether a service subject to PA or PAS is approved, providers serving these members should use the member's MassHealth ID number to look up the member's PA/PAS data in the MassHealth Provider Online Service Center.

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