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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Ryan Schwarz, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Update to Certain Exceptions to Referral Requirements through the Primary Care Clinician Plan and Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations: Radiology and Imaging

Background

Effective August 1, 2025, MassHealth reinstated referral requirements for services provided to members enrolled in the Primary Care Clinician (PCC) Plan or a Primary Care Accountable Care Organization (Primary Care ACO). See [130 CMR 450.118\(J\): Referral for Services](#) and [130 CMR 450.119\(I\): Referral for Services](#). We announced this update in [All Provider Bulletin 403](#) and an additional update in [All Provider Bulletin 409](#). This bulletin announces an additional exception to services that require referrals and are provided to members enrolled in the PCC Plan or a Primary Care ACO.

Additional Exception to Services Requiring Referrals

Effective August 1, 2026, MassHealth is modifying referral requirements for services provided to members enrolled in the PCC Plan or a Primary Care ACO. Notwithstanding the current language in [130 CMR 450.118\(J\)](#) and [450.119\(I\)](#), all radiology and imaging services no longer require referrals from the member's PCC or participating primary care provider to be payable. These services will still, however, be subject to ordering, referring, and prescribing (ORP) provider requirements, as described in [All Provider Bulletin 286](#) (with updated information provided in [All Provider Bulletins 361, 376, 380, 391, 403, and 409](#)). MassHealth expects to update [130 CMR 450.118](#) and [450.119](#) to reflect this change in an upcoming regulatory amendment.

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