

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Announcement for Organizations Interested in Participating as One Care Plans in 2020
July 2018**

MassHealth, the Massachusetts Medicaid program, is pleased to share several updates about the expected upcoming process to procure organizations to participate as One Care plans effective January 1, 2020.

Expected One Care Plan Procurement Process

To be a One Care plan, organizations must both:

- 1) Be selected through the MassHealth procurement process; and
- 2) Meet all application and contracting requirements established by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to be eligible to participate with Medicare as a One Care plan.

EOHHS and CMS will provide updates about the CMS requirements for 2020 as they become available.

Anticipated Procurement Timeline:

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Date</u>
One Care Plan Procurement Release	August 2018 (tentative)
Letters of Intent Requested by MassHealth	September 2018 (tentative)
Bidder Responses Due	October 2018 (tentative)
Medicare Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) Due*	November 2018
One Care Plan Selection	January 2019 (tentative)
Medicare Applications Due*	February 2019
Network Submissions Due for Validation**	March 2019
Joint Readiness Reviews**	February – July, 2019 (tentative)
Medicare Bids Due*	June 3, 2019
First Enrollment Effective Date	January 1, 2020

**Milestone is a part of CMS' annual Medicare application and contracting process*

***Joint MassHealth and CMS/Medicare process*

Duals Demonstration 2.0

One Care is currently authorized as a State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and a capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration (the "Duals Demonstration"). MassHealth released a Draft Concept Paper on June 13, 2018 for public comment, and is expecting to submit a final proposal to CMS in July 2018 for a new Demonstration ("Duals Demonstration 2.0") that would add to the One Care and Senior Care Options (SCO) programs' administrative and enrollment flexibilities and financial sustainability. The overall goals of the Duals Demonstration 2.0 proposal are to improve quality of member care and outcomes and to ensure financial sustainability for all entities involved, including MassHealth, CMS, plans and providers.

MassHealth and CMS will be working toward negotiating and codifying the terms of Duals Demo 2.0 with an expected effective date of January 1, 2020. In order to allow time for the structure of the Duals Demonstration 2.0 to be determined, CMS has agreed to extend the current Duals Demonstration and One Care plans for one year, through December 31, 2019. The Duals Demonstration 2.0 would provide the federal flexibilities and permissions necessary to continue One Care beyond 2019.

Beginning in January 2021, MassHealth also expects that the Senior Care Options (SCO) program would have access to the flexibilities available under Duals Demonstration 2.0. MassHealth expects to procure SCO plans for January 1, 2021 after completion of the current contract term, and newly selected SCO plans would be part of Duals Demonstration 2.0. One Care and SCO will remain separate and distinct programs. MassHealth expects to identify a preference in the SCO plan procurement for organizations selected for and contracted as One Care plans.

Additional Information

One Care is an integrated care option for adults with disabilities ages 21-64 at the time of enrollment who are eligible for both MassHealth and Medicare. One Care enrollees have access to the full set of services provided by both programs, plus additional behavioral health and community support services. The goal of One Care is to offer a better, simpler way for people with disabilities to get all the care they need and to be more independent.

As part of its new procurement for One Care plans, which are anticipated to be in place on January 1, 2020, MassHealth expects to seek One Care plans that will provide coverage in any and all Massachusetts counties with the goal of having statewide coverage available for eligible One Care members.

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MassHealth will post updates about the One Care procurement process on both COMMBUYS (<https://www.commbuys.com>) and at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/information-for-organizations-interested-in-serving-as-one-care-plans>, which is linked from the Duals Demonstration 2.0 (www.mass.gov/duals-demonstration-20) and One Care (www.mass.gov/one-care) websites under "Information for Organizations Interested in Serving as One Care Plans."