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TO: Continuous Skilled Nursing Agencies Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth *Mike Levine*

RE: **Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Providers**

Introduction

MassHealth is issuing this bulletin to update the COVID-19 vaccine guidance for continuous skilled nursing agency providers. This bulletin supersedes Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Bulletin 5 and Home Health Agency Bulletin 69.

COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

As of September 12, 2023, MassHealth rescinds the requirements of Continuous Skilled Nursing Agency Bulletin 5 and Home Health Agency Bulletin 69 regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination remains the safest strategy for avoiding hospitalizations, long-term health outcomes, and death. MassHealth strongly encourages agencies to have their direct care workers remain up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, per the most current applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation.

MassHealth continuous skilled nursing agencies must develop and implement a policy to provide education to their direct care workers regarding the importance of vaccination, as well as provide resources and assistance to support direct care workers in becoming vaccinated. The CDC serves as a valuable resource to support education on the importance of vaccination and is a recommended source of information.

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