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TO: Home Health Agencies Participating in MassHealth

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## RE: MassHealth Comprehensive Needs Assessment Conducted Through Telehealth for Community Case Management Members

## Introduction

Due to the continued risks of COVID-19 for MassHealth members seeking and/or receiving Community Case Management (CCM) services, MassHealth is extending the period in which CCM Clinical Managers may conduct a Comprehensive Needs Assessment through telehealth (including telephone and/or live video) instead of in person. CCM Case Managers may conduct a Comprehensive Needs Assessments via telehealth through the end of the federally declared Public Health Emergency. This temporary flexibility applies to Comprehensive Needs Assessments for members seeking CCM services as well as for members requiring a reevaluation for CCM services.

MassHealth or its designee will make every attempt to conduct the Comprehensive Needs Assessment in person. However, this assessment may be completed via telehealth (including telephone and/or live video) when requested for members who report COVID-19 transmission concerns.

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