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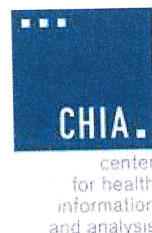
Dear Stakeholders,

We are pleased to announce that the Health Policy Commission (HPC) and the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) are working together to streamline certain reporting requirements for Provider Organizations. As you know, Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 requires that Provider Organizations register biennially with the HPC and submit an annual filing to CHIA. The HPC developed the Registration of Provider Organizations (RPO) Program, and CHIA has been developing its reporting requirements in parallel with the HPC's Initial Registration process. To reduce administrative burden on Provider Organizations, the HPC and CHIA are creating a single Massachusetts Registration of Provider Organizations (MA-RPO) Program that incorporates the required elements for both HPC and CHIA. Under the MA-RPO Program, a Provider Organization will submit an annual filing to the Commonwealth, which will satisfy its obligations under both M.G.L. c. 6D, § 11 and M.G.L. c. 12C, § 9.

The HPC and CHIA are jointly developing the MA-RPO Program, including working together to define terminology and draft the Data Submission Manual (DSM). The HPC will administer the MA-RPO Program by hosting training sessions and one-on-one meetings, responding to questions, and reviewing and approving submitted materials. CHIA will continue to host the online submission platform that Provider Organizations use to submit their materials.

We believe that Provider Organizations will benefit from the integration of these two reporting requirements in the following ways:

- ❖ Provider Organizations will submit an annual filing to a single program.
- ❖ One DSM will contain all required data elements and instructions; Provider Organizations will not have to compare or cross-reference separate documents.
- ❖ Provider Organizations will use one process for submitting information and making the required updates for all MA-RPO Program data.
- ❖ Provider Organizations will not be required to submit any off-cycle updates to the MA-RPO Program; Provider Organizations will make any necessary updates to application materials during their annual filing.
- ❖ Provider Organizations will be able to find all MA-RPO information, including the DSM, Frequently Asked Questions, and other guidance/resources on one website and can direct all questions to one agency.



If you have any questions or comments about the MA-RPO Program and how it may impact your organization's registration experience, please feel free to contact Kate Scarborough Mills, Director of Policy for Market Performance (katherine.mills@state.ma.us) or Kara Vidal, Senior Manager, Market Performance (kara.vidal@state.ma.us).

The HPC and CHIA are in the final stages of drafting the 2017 DSM for the MA-RPO Program. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft requirements this fall.

Thank you for your continued participation in this process.

Sincerely,



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