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# Independent Nurse Bulletin 15

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**TO**: Independent Nurses Participating in MassHealth

**FROM**: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

RE: Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Independent Nurses Delivering Continuous Skilled Nursing Services

## Introduction

MassHealth is issuing this bulletin to update the COVID-19 vaccine guidance for independent nurse providers enrolled in the MassHealth program delivering continuous skilled nursing services. This bulletin supersedes and replaces Independent Nurse Bulletins 5, 7, and 9.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

As of September 12, 2023, MassHealth rescinds the requirements of Independent Nurse Bulletins 5, 7, and 9 regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination remains the safest strategy for avoiding hospitalizations, long-term health outcomes, and death. MassHealth strongly encourages independent nurse providers to remain up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, per the most current applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation.

The CDC serves as a valuable resource to support education on the importance of vaccination and is a recommended source of information.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form

As of September 12, 2023, independent nurse providers no longer need to complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form with Community Case Management members.

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## Questions

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