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# Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinicians Bulletin 1

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**TO:** Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinicians Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth What Live

RE: Updated guidance related to 130 CMR 462.000: Licensed Independent

Behavioral Health Clinician Services

## **Background**

This provider bulletin clarifies language in 130 CMR 462.000: *Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Services*. The regulation previously required that all licensed independent behavioral health clinicians (LIBHCs) who wished to participate in MassHealth be Medicare providers. Effective October 1, 2025, MassHealth no longer requires LIBHCs to be Medicare providers as a condition of enrollment for this provider type.

# Guidance on 130 CMR 462.404: Provider Eligibility

LIBHCs must still meet all other requirements in 130 CMR 462.404: *Provider Eligibility* and comply with the conditions, exclusions, and limitations set forth in 130 CMR 462.000 and 130 CMR 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations*.

Providers serving members with Medicare or other third-party insurance coverage must be enrolled with the respective insurer and continue to follow MassHealth's third-party billing requirements, including but not limited to 130 CMR 450.316.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) intends to make formal changes to 130 CMR 462.404 to reflect this policy in a future regulatory update.

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