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TO: Accountable Care Partnership Plans, Primary Care ACOs, and Managed Care Organizations Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: **Policy Regarding Expectations for Enrollment into the Community Partners Program**

Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations

- ☒ Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
- ☒ Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- ☐ MassHealth's behavioral health vendor
- ☐ One Care Plans
- ☐ Senior Care Options (SCO) Plans
- ☐ Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations

Background

This bulletin updates requirements for all MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs), Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations (PCACOs), and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) about enrollment expectations for the Community Partners (CP) Program. The guidance in this bulletin replaces the previous guidance provided in [MCE Bulletin 96](#) (January 2023) in regard to CP enrollment expectations. This bulletin is effective August 1, 2024.

MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs) and Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations (PCACOs) are referred to as ACOs.

CP Enrollment Expectations Update

The ACO and MCO contract requirements for the Community Partners program enrollment expectations are informed by overall ACO and MCO enrollment, following MassHealth's process of redeterminations. Given this, MassHealth is revising expectations about member enrollment in the CP program from the expectations outlined in [MCE Bulletin 96](#). Notwithstanding Section 2.6.E.4 of the ACPP Contract, Section 2.4.E.4 of the PCACO Contract, and Section 2.6.E.4 of the MCO Contract, , ACOs and MCOs will be expected to enroll approximately 3.6% of their

enrollees annually in the CP Program, until further specified by EOHHS . This includes approximately

- 2.6% for the Behavioral Health (BH) CP program and
- 1% for the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) CP program.

MassHealth expects ACOs and MCOs to continue managing their rosters to the approximate percentages above, through review of the ACOs and MCOs identification algorithm, referrals made by Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) to CPs, CP ad hoc referrals, and continued review of program rosters. MassHealth will continue to re-evaluate CP enrollment expectations based on total ACO and MCO enrollment and will provide guidance and/or update contracts as appropriate.

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