



## **Managed Care Entity Bulletin 122**

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**TO:** Integrated Care Plans Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: Enrollment in an Integrated Care Plan while Residing in a Nursing Facility**

### **Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations**

- Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs)
- 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 clarifies MassHealth policy regarding PACE eligibility for MassHealth members seeking to enroll in PACE who do not currently live in a community setting. Also, this bulletin reminds One Care and Senior Care Options (SCO) plans that MassHealth members living in nursing facilities may choose to enroll in a One Care or SCO plan, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

### **PACE Enrollment**

MassHealth members who do not currently live in a community (for example, members who currently live in a nursing facility) are eligible to enroll in PACE if they are able to safely live in the community with PACE supports. While PACE Organizations determine whether a potential enrollee may be able to live safely in the community with PACE supports, PACE Organizations cannot add requirements that prevent enrollment. For example, a PACE Organization:

- cannot require a MassHealth member to live in the community for a certain period of time before enrolling in PACE or
- cannot require a MassHealth member to identify a community residence before enrolling in PACE.

## One Care and SCO Enrollment

Also, this bulletin reminds One Care and SCO plans that they may accept enrollment from MassHealth members who live in nursing facilities provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. Similar to PACE, One Care and SCO plans cannot add requirements that prevent enrollment. For example a One Care and SCO plan:

- cannot require a MassHealth member to live in the community for a certain period of time before enrolling in a One Care/SCO plan or
- cannot require a MassHealth member to identify a community residence before enrolling in One Care/SCO.

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