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## **Managed Care Entity Bulletin 131**

**DATE:** July 2025

**TO:** All Managed Care Entities

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth

**RE:** **SCO Medicaid Only Transition to MassHealth Fee-for-Service (FFS)**

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

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

### **Background**

Starting January 1, 2026, new restrictions will apply to Senior Care Options (SCO) enrollment.

Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025 amends M.G.L. c. 118E, section 9D to limit SCO enrollment to dually eligible individuals. A dually eligible individual is a person who is simultaneously qualified for full benefits under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C 1396 et seq., and Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C 1395 et seq.

As a result of this legislative action MassHealth Standard members who are not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B will no longer be eligible for enrollment in a SCO Plan, as of January 1, 2026.

This bulletin sets forth important timelines for implementation of this new law.

## **August 1, 2025 – New Enrollments Close**

To ensure members avoid disruptions in care, effective August 1, 2025, SCO plans are directed to cease accepting new enrollments for Medicaid-only members.

## **January 1, 2026 – Disenrollments Effective**

Effective January 1, 2026, MassHealth will disenroll SCO Enrollees who are not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B from their SCO Plans and enroll them in MassHealth fee-for-service. MassHealth will send two notices describing this change in SCO eligibility to impacted SCO enrollees: the first will be sent 90 days prior to January 1, 2026 and the second 30 days prior to January 1, 2026.

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