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**TO:** Physicians Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Wendy E. Warring, Commissioner  
**RE:** **Physician Supervision of Anesthesia Services**

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***Change in Policy***

The Division is changing its policy about physician supervision of anesthesia services. Effective immediately, the supervising physician must be in the operating suite and responsible for no more than four operating rooms. This change represents an increase from two to four operating rooms. Availability of the physician by telephone does not constitute direct and continuous supervision.

The Division intends to modify its regulations in the coming months to reflect this change.

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***Questions***

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