Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
Massachusetts Implementation Tasks for Calendar 2014

1st Quarter (January 1st – March 31st)

Insurance Market Reforms

- Fair health insurance premiums (1201§2701) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Guaranteed availability of coverage (1201§2702) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Guaranteed availability of coverage (1201§2703) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Prohibition of preexisting condition exclusions or other discrimination based on health status (1201§2704) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Prohibiting discrimination against individual participants and beneficiaries based on health status. Wellness grants 7/1 (1201§2705) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Non-discrimination in health care (1201§2706) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Comprehensive health insurance coverage (1201§2707) (DOI, GIC, CCA) (IRWG, EWG)
- Prohibition on excessive waiting periods (1201§2708) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Coverage for individuals participating in approved clinical trials (1201§2709) (DOI) (IRWG EWG)
- Preservation of right to maintain existing coverage (§1251) (DOI)
- Rating reforms must apply uniformly to all health insurance issuers and group health plans (§1252) (DOI)
- Qualified health plan defined (§1301) (CCA, DOI) (IR WG)
- Essential health benefits requirements (§1302) (CCA, DOI, DPH, GIC) (IR WG)
- Special rules related to payment for abortion service (§1303) (CCA, DOI, MassHealth, GIC) (IR WG)
- Level playing field (§1324) (DOI, CCA) (IR WG)
- State flexibility to establish basic health programs for low-income individuals not eligible for Medicaid (§1331) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)
- Transitional Reinsurance program for individuals and small group markets in each state (§1341) (DOI) (IR WG)
- Establishment of risk corridors for plans in individual and small group markets (§1342) (DOI, CCA) (IR WG)
- States to assess charges on health plans with enrollees of lower than average risk and provide payments to health plans with enrollees of higher than average risk. (§1343) (DOI, CCA) (IR WG)
- Refundable tax credit providing premium assistance for coverage under a qualified health plan. Subsidies, coverage for legal immigrants (§1401) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)
- Reduced cost-sharing for individuals enrolling in qualified health plans (§1402) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)
- Procedures for determining eligibility for Exchange participation, premium tax credits and reduced cost-sharing, and individual responsibility exemptions (§1411) (CCA, MassHealth, DOR) (MHCCA WG)
- Advance determination and payment of premium tax credits and costsharing reductions (§1412) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)
- Streamlining of procedures for enrollment through an exchange and State Medicaid, CHIP, and health subsidy programs (§1413) (MassHealth, CCA) (MHCCA WG)
Disclosures to carry out eligibility requirements for certain programs (§1414) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)

Premium tax credit and cost-sharing reduction payments disregarded for Federal and Federally-assisted programs (§1415) (CCA, MassHealth) (MHCCA WG)

Requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage (§1501) (DOR, CCA) (IRWG)

Reporting of health insurance coverage (§1502) (DOI, DOR, CCA) (EWG)

**Employer Responsibility**

- Employer fair share obligations (§1513) (DHCFP) (IRWG, EWG)
- Reporting of employer health insurance coverage (§1514) (DHCFP) (EWG)
- Offering of Exchange-participating qualified health plans through cafeteria plans (§1515) (CCA, DHCFP, DOR) (EWG)
- Employers that offer coverage and make a contribution to make free choice vouchers available to qualified employees for purchase of qualified health plan through Exchanges. (§10108) (CCA, EOLWD) (EWG)

**Insurance Coverage Expansions**

- Expansion to 133% - increased FMAP for newly eligible (§2001a) (MassHealth)
- Limited to benchmark coverage (§2001c) (MassHealth, CCA) (MHCCA WG)
- Income eligibility for nonelderly determined using modified gross income (§2002) (MassHealth, CCA) (MHCCA WG)
- Requirement to offer premium assistance for employer-sponsored insurance (§2003) (MassHealth)
- Permitting hospitals to make presumptive eligibility determinations for all Medicaid eligible populations (§2202) (MassHealth)
- Protection for recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment (§2404) (MassHealth, ELD, DisbPol) (LTC/BH WG)
- Elimination of exclusion of coverage of certain drugs (§2502) (MassHealth)
- Extension for specialized MA plans for special needs individuals (§3205) (MassHealth, ELD) (LTC/BH WG)

**Quality Improvements**

- Quality reporting for long-term care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, and hospice programs (§3004) (DPH)
- Quality reporting for PPS-exempt cancer hospitals (§3005) (DPH)
- Imposition of annual fee on health insurance providers (§9010) (DOI)
- Development of standards for financial and administrative transactions (§10109) (MassHealth, MeHI)

**2nd Quarter (April 1st – June 30th)**

- Enrollment Simplification and coordination with State Health Insurance Exchanges (§2201) (MassHealth, CCA) (MHCCA WG)

**3rd Quarter (July 1st – September 30th)**

- Demonstration project concerning individualized wellness plan (§4206) (DPH)
Federal Fiscal Year 2014

- Extension of funding for CHIP through fiscal year 2015 and other CHIP-related provisions (§10203) (MassHealth)

Agency Key:
CCA – Health Connector
DHCFP – Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
DisbPol – Agencies under the Assistant Secretary for Disability Policies & Programs
(Department of Developmental Services, Rehab Commission, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Soldiers’ Homes)
DMH – Department of Mental Health
DOI – Division of Insurance
DPH – Department of Public Health
ELD – Executive Office of Elder Affairs
EOLWD – Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
GIC – Group Insurance Commission
HED – Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
HCQCC – Health Care Quality and Cost Council

Working Group Key:
IR WG = Insurance Reform Working Group
EWG = Employer Working Group
MHCCA WG = MassHealth Connector Working Group
LTC/BH WG = Long-Term Care/Behavioral Health Working Group