Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Massachusetts Implementation Tasks for Calendar Year 2013

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

Insurance Market Reforms
- State flexibility in operation and enforcement of Exchanges and related requirements (§1321) (CCA) (IR WG)

Insurance Coverage Expansion
- Medicaid payments to providers at Medicare rates, 100% fed funding (§1202) (MassHealth)

Taxes & Revenue
- Limitation on health flexible spending arrangements under cafeteria plans (§9005) (EWG)
- Imposition of annual fee on medical device manufacturers and importers. Repealed and replaced by Reconciliation 1405 (§9009) (HED)
- Elimination of deduction for expenses allocable to Medicare Part D subsidy (§9012) (HED) (EWG)
- Modification of itemized deduction for medical expenses (§9013) (EWG)
- Additional hospital insurance tax on high-income taxpayers (§9015) (EWG)

Employer Responsibility
- Employer requirement to inform employees of coverage options (§1512) (DHCFP, CCA) (EWG)

Quality Improvements
- Improving access to preventive services for eligible adults in Medicaid (§4106) (MassHealth, DPH)

Transparency Fraud & Abuse
- Transparency reports and reporting of physician ownership or investment interests (§6002) (DPH)

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

Insurance Market Reform
- Insurers to offer at 2 multi-state, qualified health plans offered through Exchanges in each state (§1334) (DOI) (IR WG)
- Federal program to assist establishment and operation of nonprofit, member-run health insurance issuers. CO-OP (§1322) (DOI, CCA) (IR WG)

4th Quarter (October 1st – December 31st)

Payment Reform
- Disproportionate share hospital payments reductions begin (§2551) (MassHealth)
Agency Key:
CCA – Health Connector
DHCFP – Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
DOI – Division of Insurance
DPH – Department of Public Health
HED – Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development

Working Group Key:
EWG = Employer Working Group