

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Announcement for Organizations Interested in Participating as One Care Plans

MassHealth, the Massachusetts Medicaid program, has an important announcement to share with organizations interested in participating as One Care plans.

MassHealth has decided to move its timeline for releasing the One Care plan procurement to 2018 and anticipates having new One Care plans in place on January 1, 2020. The new timing of this procurement will allow:

- Opportunities to align agency-wide long-term services and supports (LTSS) policies and timelines among the One Care, MCO, and ACO programs;
- Interested parties to fully participate in the One Care procurement; and
- MassHealth to conduct robust stakeholder engagement in developing the One Care procurement

Additional Information

One Care is an integrated care option for adults with disabilities ages 21-64 at the time of enrollment who are eligible for both MassHealth and Medicare. One Care enrollees can get the full set of services provided by both programs, plus additional behavioral health and community support services. The goal of One Care is to offer a better, simpler way for people with disabilities to get all the care they need and to be more independent.

On January 19, 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) offered Massachusetts, along with two other states, the opportunity to extend its demonstrations for dual eligible individuals until December 31, 2020. On February 27, 2017, MassHealth submitted a non-binding Letter of Intent to CMS to accept this opportunity. MassHealth expects that this extension period, through December 31, 2020, will be formalized through an amendment to the three-way contract among MassHealth, CMS, and current One Care plans.

As part of its new procurement, MassHealth expects to seek One Care plans that will provide coverage in any and all Massachusetts counties with the goal of having statewide coverage available for eligible One Care members. To be a One Care plan, organizations must be selected through the MassHealth procurement process and meet all application and contracting requirements established by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to be eligible to participate with Medicare as a Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP). EOHHS and CMS will provide updates about the CMS requirements for 2020 as they become available.

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MassHealth will post updates about the One Care procurement process on both COMMBUYS (<https://www.commbuys.com>) and on the Duals website (<http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/duals>) under "Information for Organizations Interested in Serving as One Care Plans."