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To: Mass Senior Care Members

From: Tara Gregorio, President

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RE: MassHealth ACO March 1st Implementation

As part of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association's continued effort to update members on MassHealth's five-year 1115 ACO/MCO waiver, we are writing to share with you an important [memorandum](#) prepared by the association's General Counsel, Mark Reagan of Hooper, Lundy & Bookman. Effective March 1, 2018, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), networks of physicians, hospitals and other community based health care providers, will be financially accountable for the cost, quality, and member experience for over 850,000 MassHealth members. Nursing facilities that provide short term care for MassHealth eligible individuals under the age of 65 will be particularly impacted. The memo is intended to provide background information and ensure that nursing facilities understand the upcoming payor changes that will take effect on March 1st.

Please contact [Tara Gregorio](#) or [Gary Abrahams](#) with any questions. As always, each nursing facility is advised to obtain independent legal and consulting advice from its advisors with respect to the subject matter discussed in the attached memorandum.

The following is the full list of approved MassHealth ACOs:

- Atrius Health with Tufts Health Public Plans
- Baystate Health Care Alliance with Health New England
- Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization with Tufts Health Public Plans
- Boston Accountable Care Organization with Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan
- Cambridge Health Alliance with Tufts Health Public Plans
- Children's Hospital Integrated Care Organization with Tufts Health Public Plans
- Community Care Cooperative, an organization of 13 federally qualified health centers.
- Health Collaborative of the Berkshires with Fallon Community Health Plan
- Lahey Health

- Mercy Health Accountable Care Organization with Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan
- Merrimack Valley ACO with Neighborhood Health Plan
- Partners HealthCare ACO
- Reliant Medical Group with Fallon Community Health Plan
- Signature Healthcare Corporation with Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan
- Southcoast Health Network with Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan
- Steward Medicaid Care Network
- Wellforce with Fallon Community Health Plan