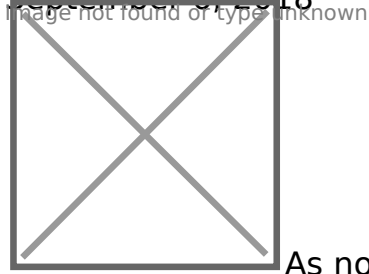


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As noted in an earlier [E-News Update](#), MassHealth is actively

working on a waiver request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that would, among other objectives, seek the flexibility to significantly increase enrollment in One Care and Senior Care Options (SCO) programs. This includes potential passive enrollment into SCO programs of all individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Mass Senior Care has expressed serious concerns to MassHealth in regard to the possibility of extending passive enrollment of dual eligibles into SCO programs for individuals who become eligible for Medicaid initially upon entering a nursing facility. We believe this would be extremely disruptive to the care patterns for this population and they should therefore be exempt from any potential eligibility passive enrollment. This passive enrollment exclusion would be consistent with MassHealth's action in 2017 when it exempted Medicaid only nursing home residents from SCO passive enrollment.

On September 5, 2018, MassHealth released a Request for Information (RFI) on the Duals Demonstration 2.0. The Duals Demonstration would be focused on the One Care Program which serves dual eligibles who are ages 21-64 at the time of enrollment and living with disabilities and (2) SCO program for individuals ages 65 and older. MassHealth currently serves approximately 312,000 dual eligible members, of which about one quarter are enrolled in integrated care programs and three quarters are covered under fee for service. The RFI is part of MassHealth efforts to obtain feedback from stakeholders relative to the planning process and relative to a range of policy and procurement questions related to One Care, SCO, and the proposed Duals Demonstration 2.0. Comments are due by September 24th. The program is not expected to be implemented until January 1, 2020 at the earliest.