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Mass Senior Care Calls on Congress to Support Delay of RoP, Phase II

Mass Senior Care Association is urging the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to join other members of Congress in asking the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to delay Phase II of the Requirements of Participation (RoP). Mass Senior Care told lawmakers that Phase II of implementation should be delayed to allow skilled nursing facilities sufficient time to comply with the changes. While many of the provisions included in the RoP are well intended, taken together, they represent a significant implementation burden for the Commonwealth's nursing facilities. In addition, the unfunded mandates included in the RoP will cost Massachusetts facilities \$26 million in year one with an estimated five-year cost of \$116 million. This comes at a time when Massachusetts nursing facilities are facing an unprecedented financial crisis. ***We urge member facilities to contact the state's Delegation to urge them to please co-sign [Congressman Renacci's letter](#). Please click here for the [Action Alert](#).***

In June 2017, CMS released the Revised Interpretive Guidance for the RoP which are effective November 28, 2017. Please click [here](#) to read the S&C letter in its entirety. The S&C letter contains important information on Enforcement and Nursing Home Compare ratings during the implementation of the revised guidance and the new survey process.