



BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

Condolences for Dr. Gerald Steinberg and Dr. Mitchell Levine, MSSP incentive payments from CMS, MassHealth patient communications, Notification of changes for providers, BILHPN Pharmacy news, Health plan updates, Essentials in Primary Care CME series, Yankee Alliance

Our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Steinberg. Dr. Steinberg was an accomplished physician, an experienced administrator and a respected colleague. We remember him for his guidance and wisdom over the years.



A memorial service will be held at Congregation Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 2pm. Levine Chapels 617-277-8300 www.levinechapels.com

Click here to view his obituary

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/bostonglobe/name/gerald-steinberg-obituary?id=62299779>

We also extend our sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Mitchell Levine. Click here to view his obituary. [Mitchell Levine Obituary, Age 73 - June 29, 2026 - Lincoln, Massachusetts](#)



MSSP Incentive Payments from CMS for 2024

CMS is issuing incentive payments to eligible physicians and clinicians who participated in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) during 2024.

What you need to know:

- Eligible providers may receive a one-time lump-sum payment directly from CMS.
- The payment amount is 1.88% of eligible Medicare Part B reimbursements for the applicable period.
- Eligibility is based on participation in an MSSP Accountable Care Organization (ACO) and meeting CMS program requirements.

If you participated in our MSSP ACO in 2024, you will see this additional payment from CMS in the coming weeks.

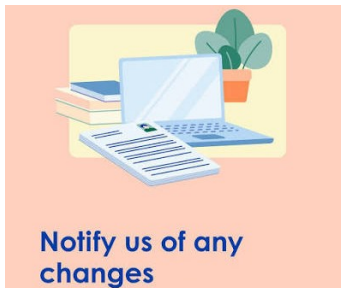
Thank you for your participation in our value-based care programs and your commitment to providing high-quality care for Medicare beneficiaries.

MassHealth Patient Communications: Information for Providers and Practice Teams



Over the next several weeks, MassHealth will be sending communications to certain patients about new federal work and education requirements taking effect in 2027. The notices explain who may be affected, potential exemptions, and steps patients can take now to prepare for the changes.

As patients begin receiving these communications, they may reach out to you or your practice with questions. The information in the [attached notice](#), including an example of the MassHealth member mailing, key points teams can reinforce with patients, and resources for additional information, can be helpful in responding if questions arise.



Notification regarding changes in your practice

We would like to remind all of our group practices about the importance of communicating any changes in your practice information to Physician Performance. Notifications apply to all **MDs** and **APPs**.

Communicating this information is a requirement of the Participation Agreement, and helps maintain constancy and accuracy across all records and avoids any potential

discrepancies.

Please notify us of any changes regarding:

- **Change in ownership or scope of services of practice**
- **Adding or removing a practice location under your existing TIN**
- **Provider details (name change; Status changes between PCPs and Specialists; Patient Panel changes and others)**
- **Tax Identification Number (adding or changing your TIN); other changes to existing TIN**
- **Any other relevant demographic information**

Once we have received and approved your updates, please enter the information into the **CAQH / CAQH ProView™** system. Notifications to Physician Performance need to happen **before** entering the information into the CAQH system. Physician Performance will notify BILHPN Provider Enrollment and the changes will be submitted to the health plans.

BILHPN Pharmacy News

BILHPN Pharmacy has published their August news. Some highlights include:

- Rybelsus to Ozempic pill
- Oral option for lowering LDL
- Over the counter continuous glucose monitors

Click [here](#) for the full newsletter.



Aetna has published their September newsletter. Click [here](#) to view.

Blue Cross Blue Shield has published their August newsletter. Click [here](#) to view

Fallon introducing new claims editing changes

New claims editing changes took effect on September 1, 2026. These edits were introduced in the July edition of Fallon's The Connection newsletter- [Connections 2026](#)

[Point32Health](#) has published their September newsletter. Click [here](#) to view.

[United](#) has published their August newsletter. Click [here](#) to view.

Essentials in Primary Care CME series

BILHPC would like to extend a reduced rate to all **Physician Performance** primary care providers for the [2026-2027 Core Updates and Essentials in Primary Care CME series](#). Registration is open now! Click the link above to register.



For additional information and the full list of courses, click [here](#).

Reminder: If you have an upcoming publication, presentation, award, or honor that you'd like to let us know about, please reach out to us at PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu



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For more information, please contact Leslie Levine, Operations Administrator, Physician Performance at llevine5@bidmc.harvard.edu

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu or leave me a message at (617) 632-9728 and I will get back to you.

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