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BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

MassCollaborative survey, MSSP ACO eligibility for additional payments, State primary care task force, DOI Guidance on prior auths, Hacker warning, Cyclosporin update, BILHPN pharmacy news



MassCollaborative survey

The MassCollaborative* is seeking your assistance in completing a survey to help better understand and address the challenges around payer/provider communications. The survey format will allow you to highlight issues encountered with specific health plans.

- This survey is intended to identify specific, measurable opportunities to improve communication between health plans and providers and **is focused on identifying the most impactful and solvable challenges affecting provider administrative burden and patient care. The results will inform the Mass Collaborative's approach to improving payer-provider communications. Results will be aggregated and used to prioritize targeted, actionable improvements.** Your insights and experience are crucial to shaping solutions that will benefit patients and providers.

Please complete the survey by July 24th using this link:

[MHA_MMS_Payer_Provider_Communications_Survey](#)

We sincerely appreciate your unique perspective and the time you invest in this effort. With your help, we can make a meaningful difference in strengthening payer-provider communications and improving outcomes across our community.

MSSP ACOs eligible for additional payments

In 2026, MSSP ACOs are eligible to earn two additional payments:

- a 0.75% Medicare fee schedule conversion factor increase (to be included in the 2027 fee schedule) and;
- a 3.1% bonus on all Part B claims (to be paid in 2028 as a lump sum to each TIN)



These payments are earned based on hitting targets either for percentage of MSSP patients seen or percentage of revenue from seeing MSSP patients. We are happy to report that our ACOs reached these targets and will earn the full 0.75% fee schedule increase and the 3.1% bonus. Please reach out with any questions.

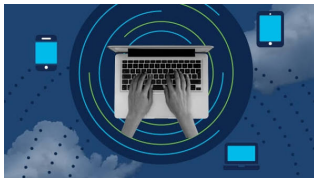


State Primary Care Task Force final recommendations

The state Primary Care Task Force recently concluded its work, issuing the **final of seven recommendations** to the Legislature aimed at strengthening Massachusetts' primary care system. Dr. Barbara Spivak from Physician Performance/MACIPA was a participant. Many of the recommendations were incorporated into the State Senate's recently **passed primary care reform legislation**, which is now under consideration by the House of Representatives.

DOI guidance on Prior Authorization legislation

Last week, the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) submitted **written comments**, to the Division of Insurance (DOI) on its forthcoming guidance for implementing the state's **new prior authorization regulations**, consistent with MMS testimony and physician input provided during recent DOI listening sessions. The regulations represent significant progress to reduce administrative burden and improve patients' timely access to medically necessary care. Physician Performance also submitted comments. We will continue to update you as the implementation process moves forward.



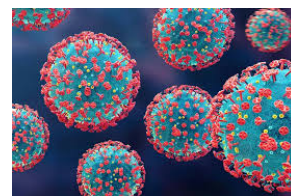
International Security Groups Warn of Russian Hackers

Security groups around the globe, including the U.S. National Security Agency, issued a **Joint Cybersecurity Advisory** this week that warns of Russian government-sponsored attacks "compromising multiple critical infrastructure sector networks."

The security interests "strongly urge device owners and network defenders to take mitigation and remediation actions against Russian government-sponsored exploitation of vulnerable routers." The advisory provides technical details on adversary attacks and mitigation strategies.

Cyclosporiasis Not Prevalent in Mass.

As has been widely reported, midwestern states have experienced a large outbreak of cyclosporiasis cases, some of which have led to hospitalizations. Massachusetts only posts foodborne and waterborne illness at the beginning of the month; as of July 1, there have been 18 cases of cyclosporiasis reported to DPH. (In all of 2025, there were a total of 75 cases.) Physicians should call the 24/7 DPH Epidemiology Line at **(617) 983-6800** if they have clinical questions about cyclosporiasis.



BILHPN Pharmacy News

BILHPN Pharmacy has published their newsletter for June/July. Some highlights include:

- GLP-1 bridge to expanded access
- Sun protection
- Medication cost navigation



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