

MA Health Care Training Forum Spring 2026 Meeting

MassHealth Updates Transcription

[MassHealth Update]

(SUE KANE): Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the MassHealth updates meeting. Thank you for joining us today. My name is Sue Kane from the Massachusetts Health Care Training Forum team, and I'll be facilitating today's meeting. Our first presenter, the MassHealth presenter is Kara Chiev, Manager of MassHealth External Training and Communications. Kara.

(KARA CHIEV): Thank you, Sue. Good morning, everyone, and thanks, Ben, for the HSN information. It's great to see you this quarter for MassHealth updates, and thanks for joining us. Again, my name is Kara. I'm with MassHealth External Training and Communications. I know we have many folks today who are new to our webinars and our community, so and many that continue and have stayed connected for many sessions. I want to let you know the information we will be sharing today is specific to our members and what they may experience. If you are seeking provider-type information, like MassHealth billing or claims or provider policy, I want to encourage you to register and attend the MassHealth Provider Services webinar.

[Agenda]

So going on to our agenda for this morning, one update related to our MassHealth Health Plan, and we'll largely focus this morning on impacts of OB3 on MassHealth.

[MassHealth Health Plan Update]

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[Overview of Managed Care Regulation Updates and Impact]

Federal rules are changing in 2026 that will impact MassHealth managed care regulations. Under these changes, some MassHealth members who are younger than 65 will have their MassHealth benefits provided through the fee-for-service delivery system instead of through managed care. These members may receive services from and will have access to all providers in the MassHealth network.

These updates are focused on the delivery system, which members get their services. This doesn't impact or change their MassHealth eligibility. We anticipate the regulation will be finalized this summer. MassHealth will be working to transition these members from managed care to fee-for-service during the second half of 2026. Members who are

affected will get notices informing them of this change this summer, and we will be sharing more information as we get closer to the transition date, most likely for the July MTF meeting.

[Thank You!]

(SUE KANE): Special thanks to the presenters for their sharing of their expertise, and we hope you have a great rest of your day. Thank you, everybody. Bye-bye.