

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Massachusetts Implementation Tasks for Calendar Year 2012

1st Quarter (January 1st – March 31st)

Transparency/Fraud and Abuse

- Required disclosure of ownership, including a description of the governing body and organizational structure of the nursing home facility and information regarding additional disclosable parties (§6101) (DPH)
- Accountability requirements for skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities (§6102) (DPH)
- Development of a program for nursing home facilities to report staffing information in a uniform format based on payroll data, and to also take into account services provided by any agency or contract staff. (§6106) (DPH)
- ~~Businesses that pay any amount greater than \$600 during the year to corporate and non-corporate providers of property and services to file an information report with each provider and with the IRS. Information reporting is already required on payments for services to non-corporate providers (§9006) (EOLWD) (EWG)~~

Repealed on 4/14/11

Elder & Disabled

- Requires the Access Board to establish standards for accessibility of medical diagnostic equipment to individuals with disabilities. (§4203) (DisbPol 1, DPH2) (LTC/BH WG)

Grants & Demonstrations

- Medicaid demonstration project to evaluate integrated care around a hospitalization (§2704) (MassHealth) (LTC/BH WG)
- Medicaid Pediatric Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project (§2706) (MassHealth)
- Medicare shared savings program provides rewards to Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) that take responsibility for the costs and quality of care received by their patient panel over time (§3022) (MassHealth)
- Medicare Independence at home demonstration program (§3024) (LTC WG)
- Medicare Hospital readmissions reduction program (§3025) (LTC WG)
- Demonstration program to integrate quality improvement and patient safety training into clinical education of health professionals (§3508) (HCQCC)
- Creates demonstration programs on oral health delivery and strengthens surveillance capacity. (§4102) (DPH 1, MassHealth 2)
- Alternative dental health care providers demonstration project (§5304) (DPH) (HCWF WG)

2012, date unspecified

Public Health

- US HHS Secretary to require federal and federally supported health and public health programs/activities to collect and report specified demographic (e.g., race, ethnicity, sex, language, disability, underserved rural and frontier populations) and other data appropriate for health disparities and quality reporting. (§4302) (DPH 1, MassHealth 2 CCA 2, GIC 2)

Insurance Coverage Expansion

- Elimination of Part D cost-sharing for certain dual eligible individuals (§3309) (MassHealth)

Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Grants and Demonstrations

- Medicare Graduate nurse education demonstration project (§5509) (DPH) (*HCWF WG*)FFY 2012-2015

Agency Key:

CCA – Health Connector

DisbPol – EOHHS Disabilities Agencies (Rehabilitation Commission, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

DPH – Department of Public Health

EOLWD – Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

GIC – Group Insurance Commission

HCQCC – Health Care Quality and Cost Council

Working Group Key:

IR WG = Insurance Reform Working Group

EWG = Employer Working Group

LTC/BH WG = Long-Term Care/Behavioral Health Working Group

HCWF WG = Health Care Workforce Development Working Group