

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Letter of Intent for Organizations Interested in Participating as
One Care Plans in 2018**

Letter of Intent:

MassHealth, the Massachusetts Medicaid program, is pleased to announce that it is accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) from organizations interested in participating as One Care plans effective January 1, 2018. One Care is an integrated care option for adults with disabilities ages 21-64 at the time of enrollment who are eligible for both MassHealth and Medicare. Through One Care, enrollees can get the full set of services provided by both programs, plus additional behavioral health and community support services. The goal of One Care is to offer a better, simpler way for people with disabilities to get all the care they need and to be more independent.

MassHealth will accept LOIs until **5:00 pm on Friday, August 12, 2016**. MassHealth requests that interested organizations submit LOIs for informational and resource planning purposes. Submission of an LOI is voluntary and non-binding. Failure to submit a Letter of Intent will not preclude an organization from applying to participate as a One Care plan.

In addition, MassHealth will accept written questions from interested parties until **5:00 pm on Friday, July 29, 2016**. MassHealth will post responses to questions which may help clarify this request on the Duals website (<http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/duals>) under "Information for Organizations Interested in Serving as One Care Plans" and on COMMBUYS (<https://www.commbuys.com>).

Written questions and LOIs may be submitted either electronically or in hard copy to:

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MassHealth will post updates about the One Care procurement process on both the Duals website (<http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/duals>) under "Information for Organizations Interested in Serving as One Care Plans" and on COMMBUYS (<https://www.commbuys.com>).

Additional Information:

MassHealth plans to seek bidders to provide One Care coverage in any and all Massachusetts counties with the goal of having statewide coverage available for eligible members. The LOI request and procurement process apply to both current and interested new plans.

To be a One Care plan for 2018, organizations must be selected through the MassHealth procurement process and meet all application and contracting requirements established by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to be eligible to participate with Medicare as a Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP). The CMS application will be released at the same time as the CY 2018 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan applications are issued. However, current One Care plans are not required to complete a new CMS application. For additional information about the CMS requirements, please see: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/Downloads/2018MMPScenarios_05032016.pdf.

Anticipated Procurement Timeline:

Milestone

Questions Due to MassHealth
Letters of Intent Due to MassHealth
One Care Plan Procurement Release
CMS Notice of Intent to Apply due
Bidder Responses due
One Care Plan Selection
Readiness Determination
1st Enrollment Effective Date

Date

Friday, July 29, 2016, at 5pm
Friday, August 12, 2016, at 5pm
September 2016 (tentative)
November 2016 (tentative)
November 2016 (tentative)
Spring 2017 (tentative)
September 30, 2017
January 1, 2018