

End of Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE)
Changes & Transitions

<u>Flexibility</u>	<u>Flexibility Authority</u>	<u>Reference Document</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
A&D Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Journal Types • COVID Suspension Reasons • COVID Action Types 	EOEA	SAMS changes COVID19	5/11/2023	ASAPs received an email & report access to clean update data on 5/5/2023. COVID specific Journal Types, Suspension Reasons, Action types to be ended. General Modified Assessment Journal Type to be added.
COVID Bulk Order Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulated Bags, delivery equipment • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) • Cleaning Supplies • Personal Hygiene Supplies 	EOEA	COVID Bulk Services	5/11/2023	Services will deactivate in A&D as of 5/11/2023
COVID Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID19 CARE - Homemaking • COVID19 CARE - Personal Care • COVID19 CARE - Home Health Aide • COVID19 CARE - Supportive Home Care Aide • COVID19 CARE – Companion • COVID19 CARE – Chore • COVID19 CARE – Complex Care Training & Oversight (formerly Skilled Nursing) 	Appendix K	Interim Service Provision COVID 19 COVID CARE V20	11/11/2023	Services end 6 months after the end of the Federal PHE per Appendix K flexibility. More information to be released as the end of Appendix K authority formally ends for these services
COVID Related Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID – Assistive Technology Communication Device • COVID – Necessity Shopping • COVID – Companion Telehealth 	CMS – Appendix K	Interim Home Care Service Provision COVID19	11/11/2023	Services end 6 months after the end of the Federal PHE per Appendix K flexibility Continues under Appendix K until 11/11/23, approved in FEW amendment & will be rebranded post 11/11/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID - Bulk Meal Breakfast (5 day) • COVID - Bulk Meal Lunch (5 day) • COVID - Bulk Meal Supper (5 day) • COVID - Bulk Meal Breakfast (7 day) • COVID - Bulk Meal Lunch (7 day) 	CMS – Appendix K	Interim Home Care Service Provision COVID19	11/11/2023	Services end 6 months after the end of the Federal PHE per Appendix K flexibility More information to be released as the end of Appendix K authority formally ends for these services & under review for determination

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID - Bulk Meal Supper (7 day) • COVID - Snack Packs • COVID – Visitation Wellness Check 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID - Alternate Setting Day Program • COVID - Medically tailored nutritional supplements • COVID - Short Term Live In Aide • COVID - Tele-Communications Prepaid Phone, Data, Internet usage cards 	EOEA	Interim Home Care Service Provision COVID19	Current	Under Utilization Review for Continued Need
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID- Virtual Consumer Monitoring (Video & Portal Communications) • COVID – Care Coach 	EOEA (Subsequent FEW Amendment)	Interim Home Care Service Provision COVID19	Current	Approved in FEW Amendment & currently being rebranded
<p>Reporting of COVID Positive Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Critical Incident Reporting 	EOEA	Reporting of COVID Positive Cases	5/11/2023	ASAPs are no longer required to submit CIRs for consumers who tested positive or subsequently passed away from COVID
<p>Nursing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk Review (Paper Screening) • On-Site Screenings 	EOEA	Programmatic Considerations for CAE, CSSM, OC in NF	5/11/2023	Return to programmatic requirements listed in PI 22-07
<p>Home Health Aide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Health Aide Supervision Requirements 	CMS & MassHealth	Interim Actions for Direct Workforce Training	5/11/2023	Adherence to MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletin 83 This flexibility ended on 5/11/2023. Supervision must be in accordance with 130 CMR 403.416
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-Hour Annual In-Service Training Requirement 	CMS & MassHealth	Interim Actions for Direct Workforce Training	9/30/2023	Adherence to MassHealth Home Health Agency Bulletin 83 Resume 12-hour in-service trainings in accordance with 130 CMR 403.416 effective three months after the end of the federal PHE (September 30, 2023)

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<p>Supportive Home Care Aide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-Hour Annual In-Service Training Requirement for Supportive Home Care Aides 	EOEA	Interim Actions for Direct Workforce Training	9/30/23	Home Care agencies must resume 12-hour in-service trainings effective three months after the end of the federal PHE (September 30, 2023). Per CMS Guidance released 5/10/23 In-service training requirements will return to pre-PHE requirements at the end of the calendar year that the PHE ends CMS Guidance 5/10/2023
<p>Personal Care & Homemaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Care Supervision Requirements 	EOEA	Interim Actions for Home Care COVID19 3.18.2020	5/11/2023	Effective 5/11/2023 Home Care agencies must comply with supervision requirements outlined in the Homemaker Standards and Personal Care Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-Hour Annual In-Service Training Requirement for Homemakers and Personal Care Homemakers 	EOEA	Interim Actions for Direct Workforce Training	9/30/2023	Home Care agencies must resume 6-hour in-service trainings effective three months after the end of the federal PHE (September 30, 2023). Per CMS Guidance released 5/10/23 In-service training requirements will return to pre-PHE requirements at the end of the calendar year that the PHE ends CMS Guidance 5/10/2023
<p>Provider Monitoring</p>	EOEA	Interim Actions for Provider Monitoring 5.28.2020	4/21/2022	Rescinded Interim Actions for Provider Monitoring April 2022 Released virtual/hybrid audit capabilities per <i>ASAP Contracts Workgroup Recommended Guidelines for Provider Monitoring April 2022</i>
<p>Procurement</p>	EOEA	Interim Actions for ASAP Procurement COV-19 4.24.2020	6/15/2021	Rescinded with Commonwealth of Massachusetts End of PHE State of Emergency
<p>Mask Requirement</p>	DPH	Comprehensive Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance	5/11/23	Federal and State mask mandates, including for hospitals, end on May 11, healthcare settings must have their own infection control policies

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<u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</u>	DPH	Comprehensive Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance	5/11/2023	Federal and State mask mandates, including for hospitals, end on May 11, healthcare settings must have their own infection control policies that include masking when there is more respiratory illness in their community COVID-19 Public Health Guidance and Directives
<u>Vaccine Requirement</u> • <u>Agency Based Workforce</u>	105 CMR 159.000: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Certain Staff Providing Home Care Services in Massachusetts	Program Instruction: Vaccination Requirements of Workforce	TBD	<i>Awaiting further guidance, additional details are TBD</i>
<u>Vaccine Requirement</u> • Self-Direction	105 CMR 159.000: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Certain Staff Providing Home Care Services in Massachusetts	CDC: Workforce Vaccine Letter	TBD	<i>Awaiting further guidance, additional details are TBD</i>
<u>Additional Information</u>	MassHealth	Provider Bulletins	See specific Bulletin for reference	2023 MassHealth provider bulletins Mass.gov