



## Mass Hlway Newsletter

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### Greetings!

Welcome to the Mass Hlway Newsletter. To sign up for the Newsletter and other Mass Hlway announcements, and to get more information, visit [www.masshiway.net](http://www.masshiway.net).

### MassHealth: ACO Partners Announced

MassHealth has announced its partnership with 18 health care organizations to improve health care outcomes for members.

These 18 organizations have been selected to participate in MassHealth's Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program beginning January 2018. The ACOs cover over 900,000 members and include approximately 4,500 providers.

Read more in the official [HHS press release](#).

### Mass Hlway Regulations: Hlway Direct Messaging

The [Mass Hlway Regulations](#) took effect in February 2017 and include important information about the use of Hlway Direct Messaging:

- **Hlway Direct Messaging now aligns with other modes of transmission, such as sending information by fax or phone.** Information may be transmitted via Hlway Direct Messaging in compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws and implementing regulations (e.g., HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, M.G.L. Chapter 93H).
- Mass Hlway Users have the option of implementing a local opt-in and/or opt-out process that applies to their organization's use of Hlway Direct Messaging,

but are not required to do so.

- Mass Hlway Users are no longer required to distribute the 1-page [Mass Hlway Fact Sheet for Patients](#), but if they choose to do so, they must use the updated version of this fact sheet that was released in March 2017.

Provider Organizations interested in coordinating with an information trading partner on implementing a use case for Hlway Direct Messaging should contact the Account Management team at [masshlway@state.ma.us](mailto:masshlway@state.ma.us).

More information about the regulations are available here:

- [Mass Hlway Regulations Summary](#)
- [Mass Hlway Regulations FAQ](#)
- Mass Hlway Regulations Overview: slides and recording for this April 2017 webinar are available [here](#) under "On Demand Presentations"

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## Acute Care Hospitals: Attestation Due July 1, 2017

**Acute Care Hospitals (ACHs) must submit the [Year 1 Attestation Form](#) by July 1, 2017 in order to meet the Year 1 Hlway connection requirement as specified in the regulations.**

- ACHs include hospitals licensed under M.G.L. c111 s.51, plus the teaching hospital of UMass Medical School. For a list of these ACHs, see the *List of Health Care Facilities Licensed or Certified by the Division*, available [here](#).
- To meet the Year 1 connection requirement, ACHs must:
  - Send or receive Hlway Direct Messages for at least one use case in any category of use cases.
  - Complete the Year 1 Attestation form describing details of the use case and submit to [MassHlwayAttestation@state.ma.us](mailto:MassHlwayAttestation@state.ma.us) by July 1, 2017.

On May 18, 2017, the Mass Hlway held a webinar that reviewed instructions for how ACHs can complete the [Year 1 Attestation Form](#). The presentation and a video recording of the webinar are available [here](#) under "On Demand Presentations".

Questions? Email [MassHlway@state.ma.us](mailto:MassHlway@state.ma.us) with the subject line "Year 1 Attestation Form."

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## New Mass Hlway Enrollments

Commonwealth OB-GYN, PC  
Community Services Institute  
Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell, Inc  
Mystic Valley Elder Services  
Peabody Podiatry  
Pediatric Healthcare at Chestnut Hill  
Tri-Valley Inc  
Wayland Personal Physicians

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## New Mass Hlway Connections

Charlton Hospital  
Commonwealth OB-GYN, PC

Credible  
 Mental Health Assoc. of Greater Lowell, Inc. (MHAGL)  
 Mystic Valley Elder Services  
 Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc.(NCYF)  
 Peabody Podiatry  
 Pediatric Healthcare at Chestnut Hill  
 Riverside Community Care  
 Wayland Personal Physicians  
 Windsor Nursing Home

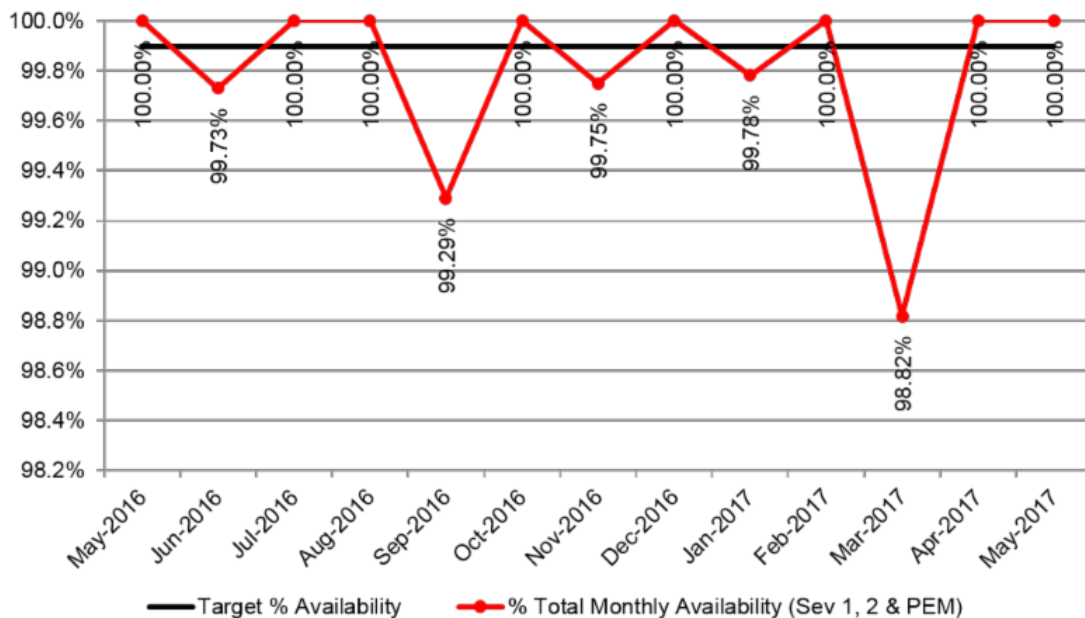
## Mass Hlway Transaction Data

7,718,904 Transactions sent during the period.

May 2016 - May 2017 key comparisons:

- DPH Reporting increased by 38%
- Provider to Provider Communications increased by 18%

## Mass Hlway Availability Data



## Mass Hlway Events

### Relevant Industry Events:

- **Boston Health IT Summit: June 15-16, 2017.** Event details [here](#).

### Mass Hlway Webinars:

*All Webinars are held on Thursdays from 12-1 PM*

- **June 22, 2017:** Mass Hlway 101 Webinar. [Register here](#).
- **June 29, 2017:** Mass Hlway Event Notification Service Update Webinar. [Register here](#).

### Mass Hlway On Demand Webinars:

- **In case you missed it!** Download the [PDF](#) or the [recording](#) (under "On Demand Presentations") of the Mass Hlway Connection Requirement Attestation Overview Webinar.
- Other On Demand Webinars available [here](#).

Don't see a particular topic listed? Email us at [masshiway@state.ma.us](mailto:masshiway@state.ma.us) and let us know what you would like to learn about. Visit the [Massachusetts eHealth Institute Calendar page](#) for Meaningful Use education and other industry events.

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## HIT in the News

- VA decision to select Cerner EHR gets high marks. [HealthData Management](#).
- Rush Health launches health information exchange. [Business Wire](#).
- Trump Administration goes all in for Health Information Technology. [Bloomberg BNA](#).
- 5 health IT reactions to the proposed HHS budget cuts. [Modern Healthcare](#).
- Healthcare providers face value-based care data challenges. [Information Management](#).
- Partners, GE Healthcare launch 10-year AI-focused partners. [Becker's Health IT & CIO Review](#).
- Just released: [Healthcare Informatics 100](#).

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