



Mass Hiway Newsletter

November 2020

For more information, visit www.masshiway.net

Extension Deadline: Event Notification Service (ENS)

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services issued an Administrative Bulletin, [AB 20-83](#), effective November 1, 2020. AB 20-83 extends the date by which all Acute Care Hospitals are required to submit Admission, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) data to a Certified Event Notification Service (ENS) Vendor and the date upon which penalties for noncompliance with this submission requirement commence.

The new date for required ADT submission is **April 1, 2021**, and the new date for Acute Care Hospitals becoming subject to penalties for ADT submission non-compliance is October 1, 2021.

EOHHS issued this extension to provide Acute Care Hospitals additional time to engage with a Certified ENS Vendor for contracting and connecting purposes. EOHHS will distribute the list of Certified ENS Vendors to this email list as soon as it is finalized.

[Read Administrative Bulletin AB 20-83](#)

HIT Council Meeting

The [Health Information Technology \(HIT\) Council meeting](#) was held via Zoom on November 2, 2020.

Council members received updates about the Clinical Gateway, Query HIE/FHIR, and the eMOLST initiative.

The consolidated Clinical Gateway project will migrate the current suite of Clinical Gateway nodes to the AWS cloud in order to reduce infrastructure costs and address scalability. The project also includes offering future alternatives to Direct Messaging for public health reporting, supporting Query HIE, and implementing a FHIR interface to support enhanced business functionality.

The Hiway has identified that 51% of organizations are “actively using Query HIE” on the interoperability network, while 38% of organizations have the potential to connect to an interoperability network. 11% of organizations have no identified connection capability. Moving forward, the Hiway will be looking at education opportunities in the form of webinars and targeted outreach to share more information about Query HIE and the benefits of using this technology.

The ePOLST initiative intends to support patient preferences for end-of-life care through technology. Massachusetts has a Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)

form and is planning to amend that form to better align with the national Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) paradigm. The ePOLST initiative intends to conduct stakeholder outreach to amend the state's form to align with POLST and develop an electronic repository for them.

The next HIT Council meeting will take place on **Monday, February 1, 2021**.

[Review the November HIT Council Meeting Slides](#)

Attestation Forms Now Available

The 2020 Mass Hlway online Attestation Forms and Exception Form are now available. Provider Organizations must attest using the online version of the forms. **PDF forms will not be accepted.** Please click below to access the forms and detailed information and instructions.

[Attestation and Exception Forms](#)

[Detailed Information and Instructions](#)

The attestation deadline is **December 31**. All organizations subject to the Connection Requirement must make a submission to the Hlway by that date. If an organization was unable to meet the Connection Requirement, it must submit an Exception Form for review and consideration by the Mass Hlway.

For more information, see the [FAQs](#) regarding the Mass Hlway regulations and connection requirement. You can also find detailed information about the regulations, including educational presentations, [here](#).

You can also submit questions directly to the Mass Hlway team at MassHlway@state.ma.us.

- **Acute Care Hospitals** must both send AND receive information over the Hlway to support a provider-to-provider communications use case, and submit a **Year 4** Attestation Form.
- **Large Community Health Centers and Large and Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices** must both send AND receive information over the Hlway to support a provider-to-provider communications use case and submit a **Year 3** Attestation Form.
- **Small Community Health Centers** must either send OR receive information over the Hlway to support a provider-to-provider communications use case and submit a **Year 2** Attestation Form.

TOMORROW

Questions about your Attestation Requirement or how to submit?

Join us for an upcoming webinar

During this webinar, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the Hlway connection requirement and how to submit their attestation forms online. Presenters will also address commonly asked questions regarding the Attestation Form.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
12 – 1 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

HAUS Services

The [Mass Hlway](#) offers Hlway Adoption and Utilization Support (HAUS) Services to help organizations effectively deploy HIE to enhance care coordination.

There are three tracks available to receive HAUS Services:

- Healthcare organizations participating in MassHealth programs such as Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), Community Partners (CPs), and Community Service Agencies (CSAs);
- Provider organizations that need to meet the Hlway Connection Requirement per the Mass Hlway Regulations (101 CMR 20.00); and
- Healthcare organizations that want to use Direct Messaging to support care coordination between healthcare providers.

Organizations participating on any track will receive HAUS Services free of charge.

[Learn more about HAUS Services](#)

Visit the HAUS Services webpage to find valuable resources including informational webinars and HAUS project tools.

HIT in the News



[MA hospital](#) implements Epic EHR to boost interoperability



[To solve healthcare](#) interoperability, we must 'solve the surround'

Healthcare IT News

[How Telehealth](#) is enhancing patient-primary care provider interactions



[KLAS spotlight](#) on Zoom for healthcare examines early outcomes



[How EHR systems](#) improve COVID-19 public health response

Healthcare IT News

[Brigham and Women's](#) uses crowdsourcing tech to take aim at everyday problems



[5 things to consider](#) before undertaking Health IT implementation

Healthcare IT News

[Most clinicians](#) can't access Telehealth directly from EHRs

Mass Hlway | masshiway@state.ma.us | www.masshiway.net

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

100 Hancock Street

Quincy, MA 02171

