



## Mass HIway Newsletter

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### The Connection Requirement Attestation Deadline Has Passed!

Mass HIway Regulations require that specified healthcare organizations connect to and use the HIway. Acute care hospitals, community health centers, and large and medium ambulatory practices (those with 10 or more licensed providers) were required to submit an Attestation or Exception Form by December 31, 2020.

[Attestation and Exception Forms](#)

[Detailed Information and Instructions](#)

### The official submission deadline was **December 31**.

The HIway requests that organizations submit their online attestation form or exception form as soon as possible.

Note that your organization must submit its form through our website; PDF files cannot be submitted.

We recognize that your organization may have questions about the Mass HIway, the HIway connection requirement, the online attestation form, or the exception form. As such, we invite you to explore our support resources listed below.

For more information, see the [FAQs](#) regarding the Mass HIway 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 HIway team at [MassHIway@state.ma.us](mailto:MassHIway@state.ma.us).

- **Acute Care Hospitals** must both send AND receive information over the HIway 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 HIway 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 HIway to support a provider-to-provider communications use case and submit a **Year 2** Attestation Form.

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**Deadline Extended: 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](#)

## 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

### Healthcare IT News

[Micky Tripathi](#) named HIT National Coordinator



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[How the ONC interoperability rule](#) could mitigate COVID-19



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[Patient engagement tools](#) can speed,

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streamline COVID-19 vaccine roll out



[HHS awards \\$20M](#) in funds to increase data sharing between HIEs & Immunization registries



[How to determine](#) effective CDS tools for high-risk prescriptions

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