



Mass Hlway Newsletter

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2019 Connection Requirement

For 2019, the [Mass Hlway Regulations](#) (101 CMR 20.00) require all Acute Care Hospitals, all Community Health Centers, and Large and Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices to connect to the Mass Hlway. These organizations must meet the requirements by January 1, 2019, and must attest that they met the requirements by July 1, 2019.

Large Community Health Centers and Large and Medium Medical Ambulatory Practices are entering year 2 of the connection requirement and must implement a provider-to-provider communications use case. The following resources can help your organization implement a care coordination use case with a trading partner and be prepared to meet this requirement:

Care Coordination
Webinar

HIE Toolkit

Hlway Adoption and
Utilization Support
(HAUS) Services

For more information:

- Listen to the connection requirement webinar [here](#)
- View the webinar presentation PDF [here](#)

Upcoming Webinar: 2019 Requirements and Attestation

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 12-1 p.m.

Register Here

Update: Hlway 2.0 Migration

The Hlway 2.0 migration continues to progress. If you haven't initiated your migration, please do so as soon as possible. Time is running out as Mass Hlway 1.0 is targeted for shut down on 5/15/2019.

Mass Hlway participants need to initiate their migration by sending a completed Declaration of Identity (DOID) Form and Healthcare Organization (HCO) Form.

Important note: All completed forms should be emailed to Hlway2.0Migration@state.ma.us no later than 2/19/19.

If you prefer to send these documents via Direct message or postal mail or need more detailed instructions on how to complete these forms, visit the [Hlway 2.0 Migration website](#) for an overview of the process and instructions for these forms.

If you don't receive confirmation that your forms have been received within 3 days after your form submission, please follow up with an email to Hlway2.0Migration@state.ma.us

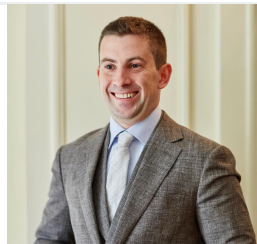
For more information and instructions:

- Click [here](#) to view the recording of a **Hlway 2.0 Migration webinar**.
- Click [here](#) to view the **"Hlway 2.0 Tutorial for Completing Required Forms"** video.

If you have questions about the Hlway 2.0 migration process or completing the DOID and HCO forms, please email us at Hlway2.0migration@state.ma.us.

Hlway Services Team

The Hlway Services team works with organizations to connect to the Mass Hlway. The team assists providers with determining the appropriate connection method to the Mass Hlway based on the provider's relationships with other Health Information Service Providers and Electronic Health Record vendors as well as the intended use case. The Services Team guides providers throughout the connectivity and testing process to ensure a successful connection to the Mass Hlway.



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Upcoming Webinar: Hlway 101

The Mass Hlway is the state-sponsored Health Information Exchange (HIE) that can be used by eligible providers to securely transmit patient health data electronically in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. Mass Hlway enables the connected organizations to coordinate patient care or to report patient health information to public health registries to achieve Meaningful Use.

The Mass Hlway Account Management team helps providers enroll and connect to Hlway 2.0 and can advise in regulations and attestation compliance. The team can also help develop HIE Use Cases to get optimal use from your cost-effective subscription to Hlway 2.0.

In this Hlway 101 webinar, we will provide an introduction to Mass Hlway 2.0, including:

- Hlway 2.0 benefits and services
- HIE use case development
- How to enroll and connect to Mass Hlway 2.0
- Mass Hlway regulations and connection requirement

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 12-1 p.m.

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Upcoming Webinar: HAUS for Providers Who Need to Meet the 2019 Requirement

Hiway Adoption and Utilization Support (HAUS) Services are provided by EOHHS through the Mass Hiway. The goal of HAUS is to help organizations implement HIE and leverage secure Direct Messaging to share healthcare information, such as discharge summaries, summaries of care, and referrals. The HAUS Services are provided by Hiway account managers, who will act as a resource to your staff to:

- Enroll your organization in HAUS;
- Provide project management to implement HIE and train staff in optimizing the use of HIE;
- Identify a high value HIE use case and related trading partner organizations;
- Develop a project plan and charter to manage HIE use case implementation from start to finish;
- Help identify and oversee a project team across the organizations that will exchange information;
- Facilitate ongoing meetings, calls and emails among the trading partner organizations and vendors; and
- Provide workflow improvement training so HIE technology can be effectively utilized by staff.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 12-1 p.m.

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Notice of Federal Opportunity

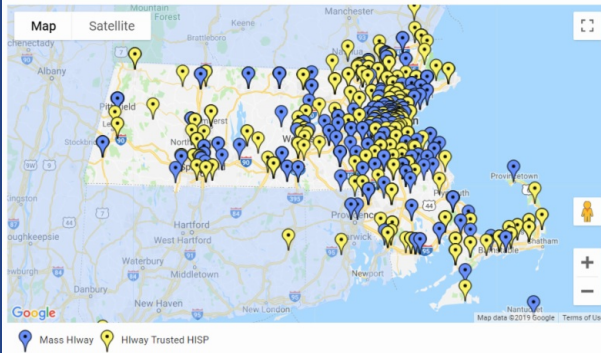
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from the public on how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Rules, especially the HIPAA Privacy Rule, could be modified to further the HHS Secretary's goal of promoting coordinated, value-based healthcare. This RFI is a part of the Regulatory Sprint to Coordinated Care, an initiative led by Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan.

HHS developed the HIPAA Rules to protect individuals' health information privacy and security interests, while permitting information sharing needed for important purposes. However, in recent years, OCR has heard calls to revisit aspects of the Rules that may limit or discourage information sharing needed for coordinated care or to facilitate the transformation to value-based health care. The RFI requests information on any provisions of the HIPAA Rules that may present obstacles to these goals without meaningfully contributing to the privacy and security of protected health information (PHI) and/or patients' ability to exercise their rights with respect to their PHI.

The deadline for public comment on this RFI is February 12, 2019.

[View the RFI](#)

New Mass Hlway Enrollments and Connections



November 21-December 20, 2018

Enrollments:

- None

Connections:

- Briarpatch Pediatrics
- Needham Pediatrics
- Szczechowicz, Karen MD PC

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[In 2018, Interoperability](#) Remained Just Beyond the Horizon



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[Experian, Change Healthcare](#) Collaborating on New Identity Management Platform

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