

Provider Updates

Weekly Updates as of October 23, 2025



Weekly Touchpoints

- In lieu of the weekly Virtual Office Hours forum, we'll share these slides to help reinforce the updates that were communicated from the weekly Provider Updates emails

Typical Weekly Communication Schedule:

- **Monday:** Weekly Provider Updates email sent to [email list](#)
- **Thursday:** Weekly Provider Updates slides [posted](#)

- Weekly email and slides are available at: [Providers News and Updates](#)

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Important TPA Reminder

- As communicated previously, **MassHealth's Dental TPA will be transitioning back to the prior administrator in early 2026.**
- BeneCare will continue to provide services as our Dental TPA through the transition period. MassHealth is committed to correctly processing all claims and service authorizations and will be working hard with BeneCare and providers to resolve any issues over the next few months.
- Moving forward, MassHealth will communicate directly with dental providers to issue additional information regarding the Dental TPA transition, including more details about timing. To stay informed, please:
 - Bookmark our new [Dental TPA Transition webpage](#). MassHealth will update this page regularly.
 - Sign up for future emails about the transition by completing this [request form](#).

TPA Update continued

- Please continue submitting claims, prior authorization requests, and all other routine operational tasks through BeneCare until further instructions are provided regarding the transition.
- This transition **will not affect your status as a MassHealth provider or your MassHealth provider contract.** MassHealth's current rates and coverage for dental services will also not be affected by the Dental TPA transition.
- Thank you for your dedication to providing excellent care to our members. We truly appreciate your continued participation and partnership as we work to transition our dental program.

Adjudication Remediation Plan



Adjudication Remediation

- Claims reprocessing will follow our **Adjudication Remediation Plan**
- Testing and validation of the plan's logic and coding elements are moving into **final testing to ensure all issues are fully addressed before implementation**. Testing is extensive and will continue.
- At a high-level, the **Adjudication Remediation Plan** includes:
 - Reprocessing of claims that had been previously denied based on eligibility inaccuracies
 - Reprocessing claims that have been denied incorrectly as duplicates
 - Reprocessing claims with CDT codes that had been misconfigured within the BeneCare system
 - Reprocessing claims that had been incorrectly adjudicated **due to a combination of processing errors** (i.e., eligibility + treatment history)
 - Void and resubmission of claims that were paid using incorrect reimbursement amounts.

We fully share the urgency to resolve outstanding payments and are committed to doing so with **accuracy and reliability**, while minimizing administrative impacts to our provider partners. Every step in the Adjudication Remediation Plan has been and will continue to be carried out with these key priorities in mind.

Reprocessing Timeline

Week 1

- Reprocessing claims that had been previously **denied based on eligibility inaccuracies**
- Reprocessing claims that were approved and marked for payment in the BeneCare but didn't make it into the MassHealth payment system.

Week 2

- Reprocessing claims that had been denied with **Exclusion code 25** (Services Exceed Annual Max)
- CDT code D0190** (billable by PHDHs only) will be reprocessed

Week 3

- Reprocessing claims that had been paid using **incorrect reimbursement amounts**, i.e., for adults paid at child rates
- Reprocessing claims that were previously denied based on **frequency limitation inaccuracies**

Week 4

- CDT code reprocessing for:**
- D8670 (Periodic Ortho Payments) and
 - D8999 (interceptive ortho payments)

As soon as the reprocessing schedule is confirmed, we will share additional details to assist you in managing reconciliation and cash flow expectations

Claims Processing & Payment Update



Claims Processing and Payment

- This week's 10/20 (Run 100856) and next week's 10/27 (Run 100857) include a week of recently submitted claims.
 - As a reminder, Run 100852 was the **first claims payment processed with updated eligibility data**
 - Run 100855 was the **first claims payment processed with the further extended timely filing limit.**
 - Any incorrect eligibility or timely filing denials prior to these updates will be part of the system-wide reprocessing per the Adjudication Remediation Plan

As a reminder, please continue submitting claims, prior authorization requests, **and all other routine operational tasks through BeneCare** until further instructions are provided regarding the transition.

Claims Processing and Payment

- The issue causing incorrect eligibility denials ("Not eligible at this time") for claims submitted through the provider portal was resolved **on the evening of 10/7**.
- While this issue is no longer affecting portal-submitted claims, we have investigated a **different issue affecting portal claim and PA submissions** from 10/6 - 10/15.
 - Incorrect claims ingestion occurred and impacted portal-submitted claims for next week's payment (Run 100857).
 - No action is required from Providers. ***Please do not resubmit these portal claims.***
 - The "Not eligible at this time" portal-submitted claims will be reprocessed as part of the system-wide Adjudication Remediation Plan as outlined in earlier slides.
 - BeneCare will reload the incorrectly ingested portal claims submitted from 10/6-10/15 will be included in the claims payment on 11/3 (Run 100858)
- **Additional quality assurance measures are being deployed** to mitigate these untimely issues that negatively impact pay files and claim payments.

Known Claims Processing Issues

- As a result of prior eligibility challenges, **we still cannot process HSN and COB claims.**
- **TPL Update:** Third Party Liability (TPL) data has been completed in BeneCare systems. The TPL data in BeneCare systems is now accurate and current with the TPL file received on Friday 10/10.
- Codes that have been investigated and tested include:
 - **D0140, D0190** (*PHDH only*),
 - **D0220, D0230, D0330** (*OS frequency limit exception*),
 - **D1110, D1351, D1510, D3120, D7310, D7472** (*OS only*),
 - **D8660, D8670, D9110, D9310, D9450** (*rural and CHC only*)
- **CDT code configurations have been fixed for D0120, D8999** going forward

For claim questions and inquiries,
please reach out to
ProviderRequests@massdhp.com

****Please do not resubmit incorrectly processed claims until the system issues are fixed, as they will continue to pay incorrectly. No resubmission are needed at this time. We will notify you if needed in the future.****

Further Timely Filing Extension

- In response to provider concerns about continued claims processing delays, MassHealth has further extended the timely filing limit to 345 days – through March 31, 2026
 - Earlier this year, MassHealth provided an interim extension from 90 days to 180 days through 12/31/2025
 - On September 15th, MassHealth further extended the timely filing limit to 345 days through 3/31/2026
- This extension has been updated in the ORM and can be found here: massdhp.org/orm

Please note that our claims system was recently updated to reflect the extended timely filing limit. As of 9/26/2025, claims are now processing with the updated 345-day timely filing limit through 3/31/2026. *Any incorrect timely filing denials prior to this update will be part of the system-wide Adjudication Remediation Plan.*

Prior Authorizations



Implementation of Prepayment Claim Review Delayed

- As a reminder, **MassHealth is indefinitely delaying implementation of prepayment claim review**
 - Prepayment claim review requirements **remain effective** for: members 21 years or older when more than one crown is delivered on the same date of service, for dates of service on or after 04/01/2025.
 - Additional prepayment claim review requirements will not go into effect for the indefinite future.
- The ORM has been updated with this new guidance and can be found here: massdhp.org/orm

Prior Authorization Update

- PA decisions are available on the portal under “Claims Status” and continue to be mailed out.
- While standard PA request turnaround times have been an average of no more than 5 business days, we will be temporarily extending to 7-10 days as we process an influx of PA requests needing to be researched and reviewed.
 - All requests will continue to be processed within no more than 21 calendar days
 - If you have a pending PA request that is **older than 21 days old**, please email ProviderRequests@massdhp.com with “PA” in the subject line and request a secure email connection.
- If you have **not received your PA decisions in the mail**, please email ProviderRequests@massdhp.com with "LETTER REQUEST" in the subject line and provide the PA # and practice mailing address. We will resend the PA letter by mail.

****Reminder: Only send patient information through secure email.****

To send patient information, **please request a secure email connections** from our Provider Requests team.
You can send information through the secure email connection once sent by Provider Requests.

DentalXChange (DXC) and Vyne

- DentalXChange (DXC) and Vyne submissions with electronic attachments **are now being received and processed correctly.**
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- The DXC and Vyne backlogs are both complete

Outstanding PA requests

- Some PA requests from April and May that were not submitted through DXC or Vyne have not been processed. Our initial investigation indicates that these pending PA requests are missing documentation.
- Denial letters were sent last week based on the missing documentation finding. We are now taking the following next steps:
 - We have identified two subsets of impacted PA denials that can be manually reviewed based on MassHealth guidance which are likely to be overturned.
 - One subset involves **crowns**, the other subset includes **buildups, cleanings, and dentures** which were ingested incorrectly. These PA denials are being manually reviewed.
 - This review process is already underway and should be completed within the next two weeks.

****Please do not resubmit these PA denials unless specifically requested to do so****

Prior Authorization Update

- Service authorization decisions are available on the portal under “Claims Status” and continue to be mailed out.
- Please Note important distinctions between determination letters:
 - PA letters will not show service dates next to service line detail.

No DOS = PA or PreD

Patient Name: FIRST LAST				Claim No: 1234567		
Service Date	Tooth	Surface	Procedure Code	Description	Charge	Notes
		UR	04341	SCL/RTPL QUAD	\$250.00	00
		LR	04341	SCL/RTPL QUAD	\$250.00	01

- Claim, or EOB letters will show service dates in the first column of each claim line in detail on the back of the letter. Claims letters are followed by remit letters which are currently being sent by MassHealth

DOS = Claim

Patient Name: FIRST LAST				Claim No: 1234567		
Service Date	Tooth	Surface	Procedure Code	Description	Charge	Notes
9/10/2025		UR	04341	SCL/RTPL QUAD	\$250.00	00
9/10/2025		LR	04341	SCL/RTPL QUAD	\$250.00	01

Proof of Eligibility Reminder

- The eligibility fix and following system-wide reprocessing is expected to remediate most incorrect denials.
 - *Please do not submit reconsideration or resubmit claims due to incorrect eligibility at this time.*
- After system-wide reprocessing, we will assist with any specific claim denials that still need to be corrected.
- Remember to check eligibility on the actual DOS and retain proof of eligibility
 - The member Eligibility Report or Treatment History Report can be saved as proof that eligibility was verified on the date the report was run (i.e. replacing previously required screenshots)

MassHealth Dental program policy is to honor eligibility status as it appears at the time of verification on the date of service.

If a claim is denied due to eligibility, you can submit a reconsideration request with proof of eligibility and we will honor the eligibility status as it appeared when eligibility was verified on the date of service.

Orthodontic PA Requests & Claim Payment

- Orthodontic cases **require prior authorization**. Dentists are to submit the required documentation for review for comprehensive treatment.
- **Claims** must include a date of service. These claims cannot be submitted until the service has been rendered.
- **Orthodontic claims will not be reviewed or paid for future dates of service.**

For more information on orthodontic submissions, please refer to the ORM or review the Ortho Job Aid



To find this resource and more, please visit:
massdhp.org/dental-providers/dental-provider-toolkit/

Portal PA Request Submission

- When submitting PA requests in the portal, the **“Procedure Date” field must be left blank**. Please make sure that no date is entered for PA requests.

STEP 1: ADD PROCEDURE CODES (MAX=10)

Procedure Date	Procedure Code	Tooth Number	Tooth Surface	Edit	Remove
No procedure codes have been entered. Please add one below:					

Add Procedure:

Procedure Code: (required)

Procedure Date:

Oral Cavity Area:

Tooth Number:

Tooth Surface: ☐ B ☐ D ☐ F ☐ I ☐ L ☐ M ☐ O

Fee: \$

For PA requests, leave the “Procedure Date” field blank. Including a date may cause the PA request to incorrectly process as a claim.

- Do not include submission date
- Do not include future date

Submission Instructions

To expedite service authorization request processing:

- **Do not include future dates of service** when submitting any claims or service authorization requests.
- **Submit claims (dated) and service authorization requests (undated) separately.** When claims and service authorization requests are submitted together under one submission, this requires additional administrative steps and creates processing conflicts which may delay processing times.

Please ensure your billing teams and vendors are aware of this distinction. Submitting claims and prior authorizations separately will help expedite processing and prevent unnecessary disruptions in care or reimbursement.

- **Do not include dates of service for authorization requests on any procedure other than D8660** for orthodontic prior authorization requests.

Claims Outreach ****New Form****

- If you are receiving low or no claims payment and we are not already working with you to make sure that your claims are received and processed
- Please reach out to us directly or [fill out this form](#) so that we can assist you.



bit.ly/LowNoPayHelp



MassHealth
Dental Program

**Help Needed with Very Low
or No Claims Payment**

As we have fixed major claims issues, more providers have begun to receive closer to normal weekly payments. Individual outreach and problem-solving is needed to assist providers who continue to receive low or no claims payment.

If you haven't yet received any claims payment or if your payment remains very low AND if you haven't yet received

Reconsideration Requests



Reconsiderations

- Reconsideration is a disagreement regarding a clinical or administrative claim decision or authorization decision.
 - Reconsideration requests should be sent directly to BeneCare via one of the submission options below. Please submit [accompanied by this form](#).
 - Once a reconsideration request is received, a **receipt of reconsideration** is emailed to the provider.
 - Reconsiderations are logged depending on the type of reconsideration and are subject to a manual, second review by a dental consultant.
- Submitting reconsiderations:
 - **FAX to: 833-627-7347**
 - **Email to:** Grievances@massdhp.com and use “RECONSIDERATION” in the subject line to request a secure email connection.
 - **Reminder:** **Only send patient information through secure email.** You can send information through the secure email connection once sent by the Grievances & Appeals (G&A) team
 - **Mail to:** MassHealth Dental Program Claims/G+A
P.O. Box 631, Worcester, MA 01613

You do not need to submit reconsideration for known claims processing issues that are part of the Adjudication Remediation Plan. These incorrect claim denials will be part of system-wide reprocessing.

Provider Portal & Customer Service



Portal Update

- The successful eligibility data upload as well as **ongoing eligibility maintenance will continue** to ensure that we are providing you with **reliable, accurate eligibility data**
 - Member eligibility should be much more **accurate and reliable**, for verifying member coverage, claims processing, and fixing past claim denials due to incorrect eligibility.
- **CMSP Accumulator issue:** We are aware of an issue affecting both the portal display of the CMSP \$750 SFY remaining balance and claims processing. Our team is actively working to resolve this issue and a fix is being tested.
 - **For CMSP Accumulator / remaining balance information**, please call 844-MH-DENTL (844) 643-3685.
- The Portal now shows more up-to-date Paid status for claims and service authorization requests that have been processed. Please note that there is about a 1-week lag in the portal status being updated to "Paid" after the claims payment has been issued.

Portal Update cont.

- Despite the eligibility refresh, a portal error is still preventing some claims and/or PA requests from being submitted.
 - Even though the member is eligible, an error message “**Invalid Member ID or Date of Birth**” displays on the Claim/PA upload screen followed by the words “Please try again.”
 - This error is due to a misalignment between member eligibility and claims processing.

If you cannot submit a claim or PA request in the portal due to this error, please:

1. FAX to: 833-627-7347, or
2. Submit to EDI, or
3. Mail to: MassHealth Dental Program Claims c/o BeneCare Dental Plans P.O. Box 631 Worcester, MA 01613
4. Please **do NOT email claims or PA requests directly to BeneCare.**

If you are unable to FAX, submit to EDI, or mail, please request a secure email connection by emailing ProviderRequests@massdhp.com

- **Quadrant detail may not display properly** and has been investigated.
 - Please note that quadrant-based codes such as **D4341** and **D4342** require valid quadrant information for processing. Missing quadrant detail will delay processing.

Portal: Quadrant Detail Entry

Quadrant details are required for claims or PA requests for quadrant-specific codes such as deep cleanings (D4341/D4342)

STEP 1: ADD PROCEDURE CODES (MAX=10)

Procedure Date	Procedure Code	Tooth Number	Tooth Surface
No procedure codes have been entered. Please add one below:			
Add Procedure:			
Procedure Code:	D4341 (required)		
Procedure Date:	mm/dd/yyyy		
Oral Cavity Area:	UL		
Tooth Number:	Choose-->		
Tooth Surface:	☐ B ☐ D ☐ F ☐ I ☐ L ☐ M ☐ O		
Fee:	\$ 134		
Add Procedure			

- ✓ Enter the quadrant abbreviation (**UR, UL, LL, LR**) or code (**10, 20, 30, 40**) in the “Oral Cavity Area” field.
- ✓ Add a separate Procedure for each quadrant.
- ✗ Do not enter more than one quadrant in the “Oral Cavity Area” field.
- ✗ Do not spell out the quadrant as “Upper Right”, “Upper Left”, “Lower Left”, or “Lower Right”



Failure to enter required quadrant detail will delay processing.

Portal: Quadrant Detail Entry (cont.)

STEP 1: ADD PROCEDURE CODES (MAX=10)

Procedure Date	Procedure Code	Tooth Number	Tooth Surface	Edit	Remove
N/A	D4341	N/A	N/A	Edit	Remove

Add Procedure:

Procedure Code: (required)

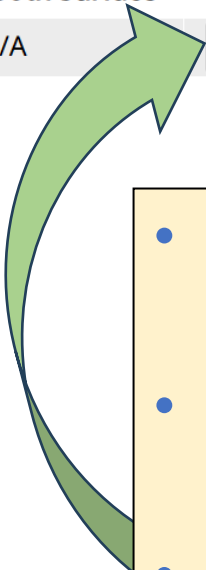
Procedure Date:  mm/dd/yyyy

Oral Cavity Area:

Tooth Number:

Tooth Surface: ☐ B ☐ D ☐ F ☐ I ☐ L ☐ M ☐ O

Fee: \$



- After clicking “Add Procedure”, the procedure will appear at the top.
- The quadrant detail will not appear even if correctly entered (UR, UL, LL, LR) or (10, 20, 30, 40).
- If you need to check what was entered before submitting, please click on the “Edit” button to review the procedure entry details.

Customer Service

- During the week ending Friday, October 17, calls were answered in 9 minutes on average.
- While call volume remains higher than anticipated, we're actively working to reduce wait times by fully staffing our team and expanding cross-training to improve responsiveness. We will continue to work on improving call wait times through staffing improvements.
- Providers can also continue to call MassHealth's customer service line at 800-841-2900 if member eligibility information is still needed.
 - **Note: MassHealth customer service can only answer questions about member eligibility, not claims, prior authorization requests, or other items. Please continue to call BeneCare's customer service center for this information.**

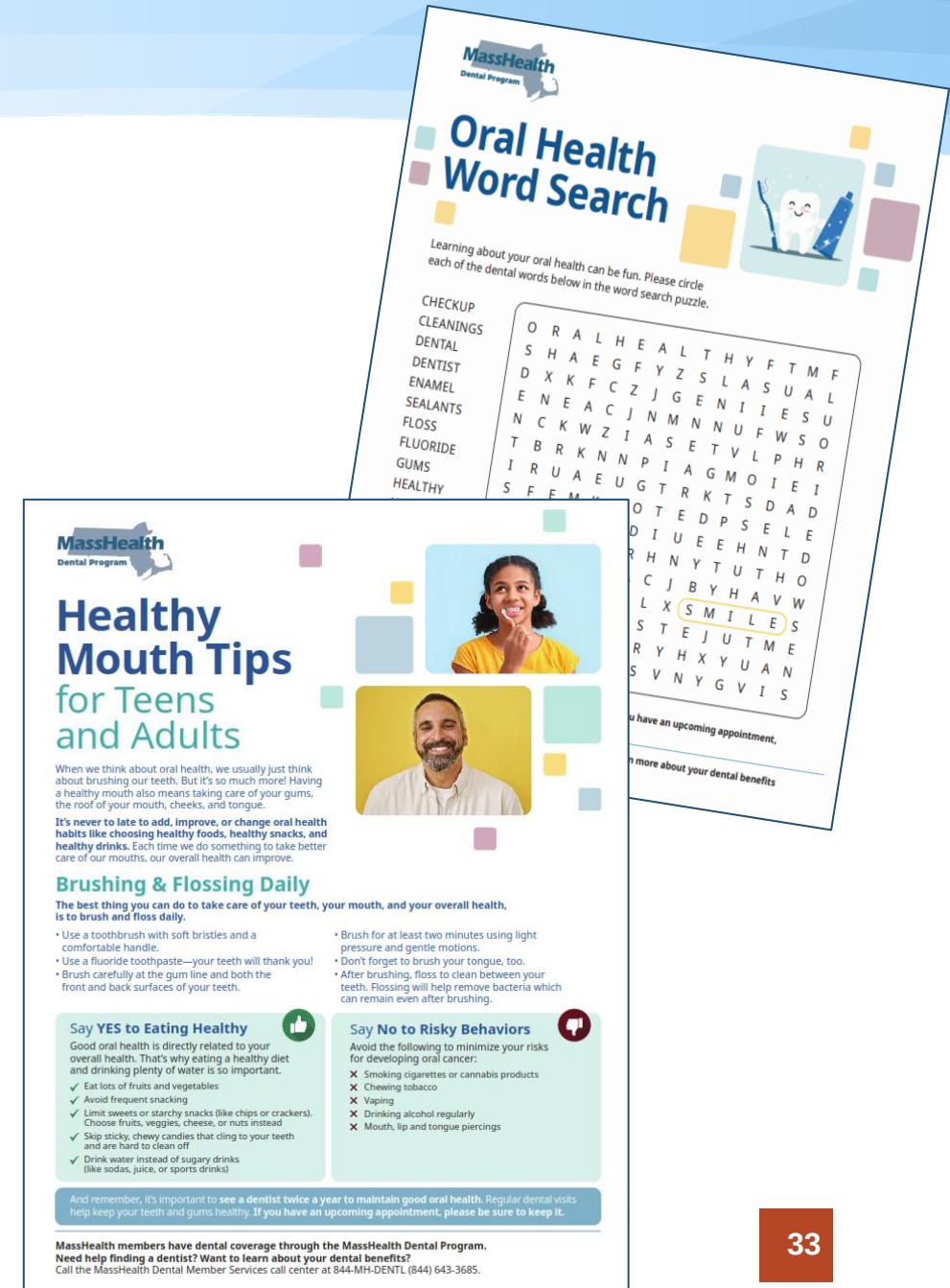


Call the MassHealth Dental Customer Service at
844-MH-DENTL (844) 643-3685.

NEW Website Feature

To assist providers, dental offices, our provider relations teams, and community partners in promoting oral health literacy, member education materials have been created and posted in these locations on the massdhp.org site:

- [Children's Oral Health | BeneCare MassHealth](#)
- [Dental Provider Toolkit | BeneCare MassHealth](#)



NEW Website Feature

- In an effort to make important news and information readily available at your fingertips, we have saved the recent Provider Update emails as pdfs
- When you visit the [Provider News and Updates](#) page, you can **click on the image** to pull up which ever week's email you are looking for:



Click on the images below to view the corresponding week's Provider Updates email (pdf)



Remittances



Remittances

- MassHealth remittance advice (remit) continues as a workaround until BeneCare can provide the remits.
 - MassHealth remits are being sent to BeneCare in a PDF format. Accessing the remits via the Provider Portal is being tested. We will provide an update as soon as the PDF remits become available through the Portal.
 - As a reminder, MassHealth has separate EOB reason codes from BeneCare. Refer to the [crosswalk provided](#).
 - **To request a missing remit**, please email ProviderRequests@massdhp.com with "REMIT REQUEST" in the subject line, and include your tax ID or NPI, name of office, and address along with the run number of the missing remit or date needed.

Reminder on MassHealth remit limitations: No quadrant information; Claims with more than one DOS will incorrectly show all services with the same DOS (BeneCare has the correct information about the multiple DOS and has processed the claims as such). BeneCare has **separate EOB reason codes** from the EOB reason codes listed on the MassHealth remit. MassHealth and BeneCare EOB code crosswalk: bit.ly/EOBcrosswalk.

Please **check the portal** or **call 844-MH-DENTL (844-643-3685)** for questions about the claims status or for additional procedure detail on the MassHealth remit.

VendorWeb Update



- VendorWeb reports that **payment information has now been restored.**
- You should now be able to see all payment information, including future and past, except for 7/31/2025 and 8/18/2025
- If you need payment information for 7/31 or 8/18, please email the CTR Solution Desk at comptroller.info@mass.gov or call 617-979-2468 contact 844-MH-DENTL (844) 643-3685

Note: VendorWeb is the State's portal for providers to view scheduled payments and payment history.

VendorWeb

Providers can view scheduled payments and payment history

massfinance.state.ma.us/VendorWeb/

An official website of the Office of the Comptroller

VendorWeb

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VendorWeb

New to VendorWeb? Please see the ["How to Use VendorWeb"](#) job aid for a description of system features and instructions.

Welcome to VendorWeb. Using this website, vendors to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can easily and quickly view scheduled payments, payment history, and tax Forms 1099. Please contact the Office of the Comptroller Solution Desk at comptroller.info@mass.gov or 617-973-2468 if you require assistance.

Vendor Login

To log in, enter your 12-digits alpha/numeric Vendor Code and last 4-digits Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), then click "Login".

Vendor Code:

Last 4-digits TIN:

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- To log onto VendorWeb, you will need your Vendor Code and the last 4 digits of your Tax ID.
- If you need to get your Vendor Code, please call 844-MH-DENTL ([844-643-3685](tel:844-643-3685)).
- If you know your MassHealth Provider ID/Service Location (PIDSL or Payee ID), you can call 800-841-2900 to get your Vendor Code.

*Your "Payee ID" or "PAYEE NUMBER" can be found at the top of your remits. It is 9 numbers and a letter: ex. 123456789 A

Interim Payment Advances



Interim Payment Advance Reminder

- If your cash flow continues to be significantly impacted by claims processing issues, you have the option to request an interim payment advance using the [online form](#).

- **Submit the form each week** that a payment advance is needed
- **Submit by Wednesday night at 11:59PM** to receive the payment advance the following Tuesday* (4 business days later)
- *Forms received after the deadline will receive the advance the second following Tuesday (9 business days later)*
- **Requests must be received through the online form. Email requests will not be processed.**



forms.office.com/g/mya0tHDdbp

For more details about the recoupment process, please review the **Recoupment Job Aid** available in the [Dental Provider Toolkit](#) at massdhp.org/dental-providers/dental-provider-toolkit

Interim payment advances will not be processed for offices with payments already estimated to be close to your historical average.

Recoupments



Optional Recoupment Pause Extended

- **Important Update:** MassHealth is extending the optional recoupment pause of interim payment advances through the claims payments made on January 5, 2026 (Run 100867) *(**If you haven't already done so, you must OPT IN**)*

What it means:

- **Submit a pause request** → no interim payment advance recoupments after request is processed through 1/5/2026 (Run 100867)
- **No action** → recoupments continue to apply to your claims payments until the outstanding advance amount has been fully recouped

How to request:

Complete [online form](#) by **12:00 PM (noon) Friday** → pause will be effective about 1-2 payment cycles after approval and will remain in effect through 1/5/2026 (Run 100867)

Requests received after this deadline will be applied to the next claims payment cycle

If a pause request has already been submitted, no further action is required. Approved pause requests will remain in effect through January 5, 2026 (Run 100867), and do not require weekly resubmission. Duplicate or incomplete requests will not be processed.

For more recoupment info, please see the Recoupment Job Aid available on the [Dental Provider Toolkit](#) page

Helpful Reminders & Reference Material

Upcoming Key Dates

- Holiday impacts on the horizon
 - **Tuesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)** – Massachusetts state holiday; MassHealth and BeneCare offices will be closed
 - **Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)** – MassHealth and BeneCare offices will be closed
 - **Friday, November 28 (Day after Thanksgiving)** – MassHealth and BeneCare offices will be closed

Office Reference Manual (ORM)

Office Reference Manual (ORM) updated as of October 2, 2025

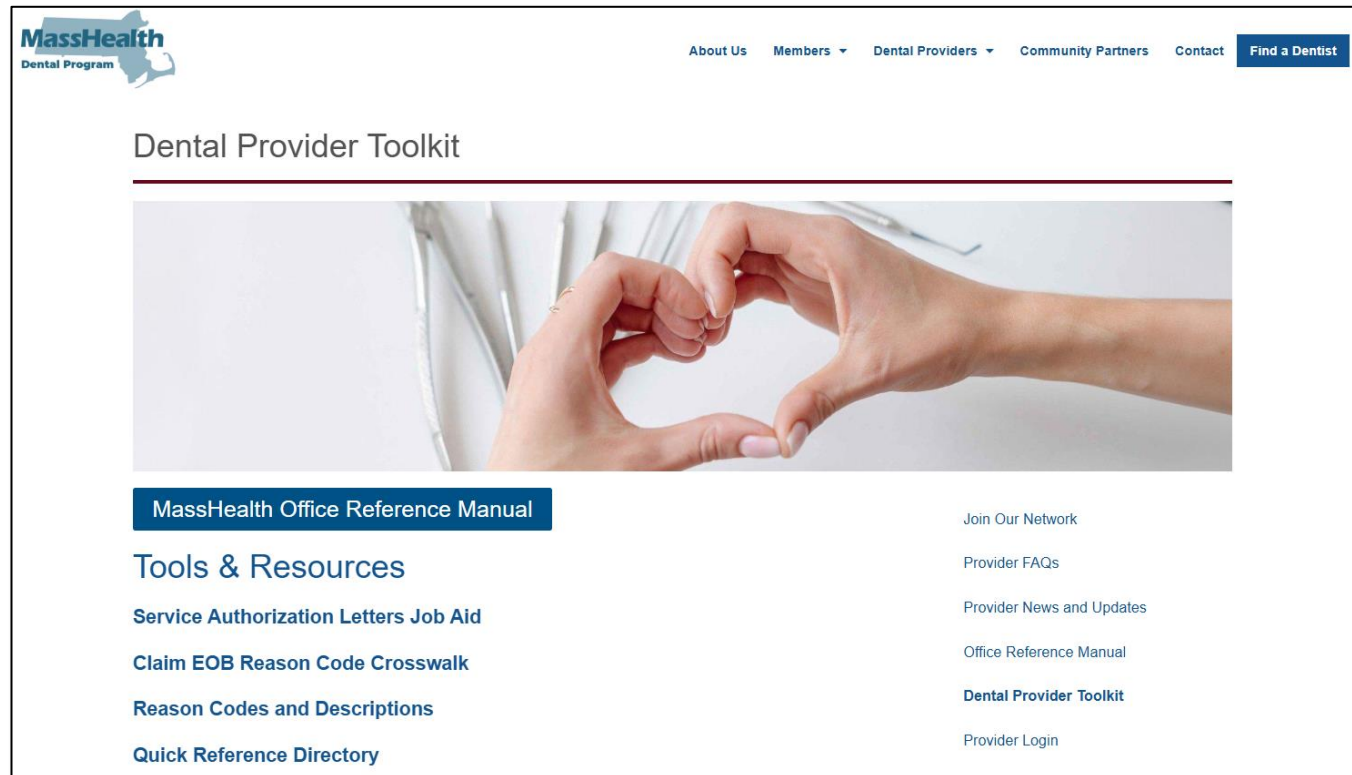
- MassHealth has updated the ORM to include guidance for the indefinite **delay of prepayment claim review** (except for multiple crowns for adults) and **further extension of timely filing to 345 days through March 31, 2026**.
- Please refer to the ORM Update Summary and updated ORM by clicking the links below:
 - [ORM Update Summary](#)
 - massdhp.org/orm/
- The benefit grid was also updated. Please refer to the updated benefit grid in Appendix A of the ORM.
- If you downloaded the prior ORM from 8/14, please be sure to discard the prior version and **replace it with the updated documents from 10/2**.
- Please note: If the ORM does not display 'Published October 2, 2025' on the first page, try clearing your website cookies and refreshing the page.

The Office Reference Manual (ORM) is a resource designed to assist dental providers and their teams in understanding the MassHealth Dental Program. It provides key information on covered services, claim submission, and other important policies and procedures. The ORM is regularly updated to reflect changes in policies, procedures, and regulations, so please check back frequently for updates.

Please note: If there is a conflict between the ORM and official MassHealth regulations, the regulations take precedence in every case. *Please refer to the MassHealth website for complete Dental and All Provider Manuals which contain the regulations:*
www.mass.gov/lists/dental-manual-for-masshealth-providers.

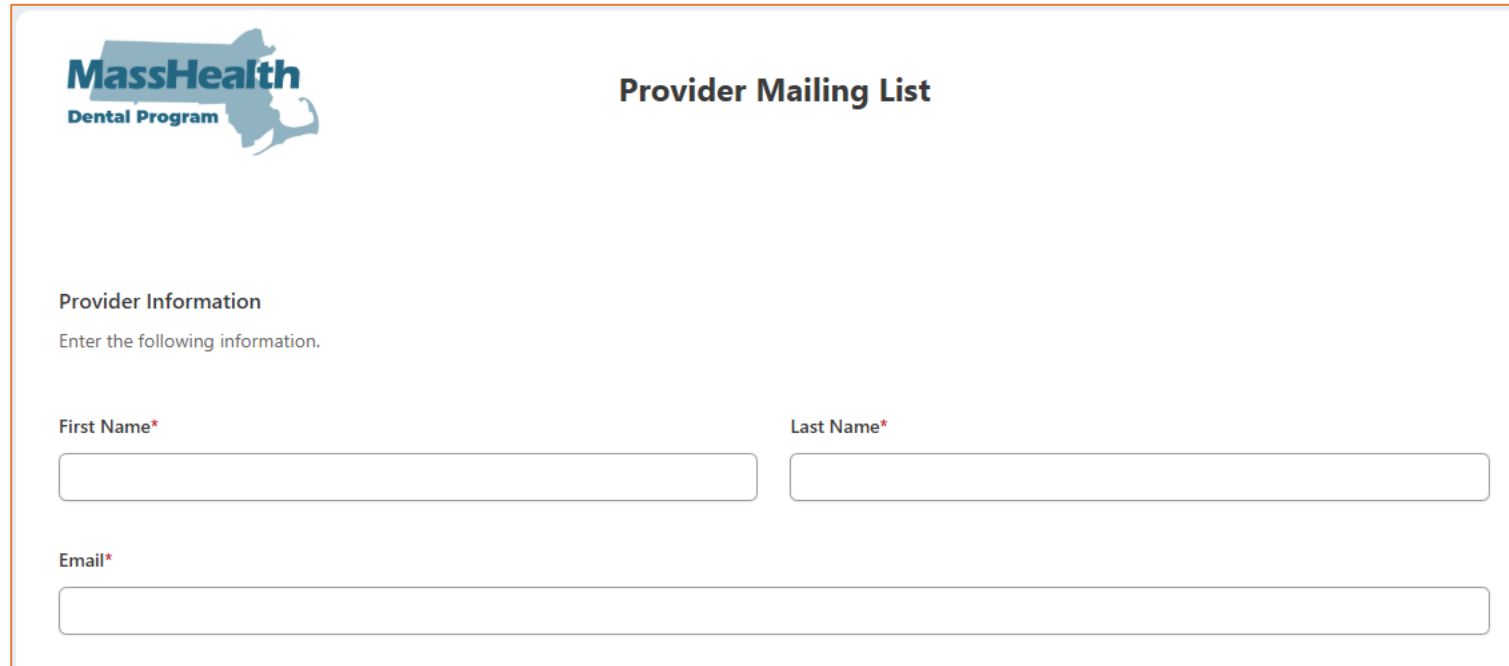
Dental Provider Toolkit

- Tools and Resources can be found on the MassHealth Dental program website: massdhp.org/dental-providers/dental-provider-toolkit



Provider Email List Sign-up Link

survey.massdhp.org/1



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Provider Mailing List" for the "MassHealth Dental Program". The form is enclosed in an orange border. It includes a logo for the MassHealth Dental Program in the top left corner. Below the logo, the title "Provider Mailing List" is centered. Underneath, the section "Provider Information" is followed by the instruction "Enter the following information." There are three input fields: "First Name*" and "Last Name*" are side-by-side, and "Email*" is below them. Each field has a red asterisk indicating it is required.

MassHealth
Dental Program

Provider Mailing List

Provider Information
Enter the following information.

First Name*

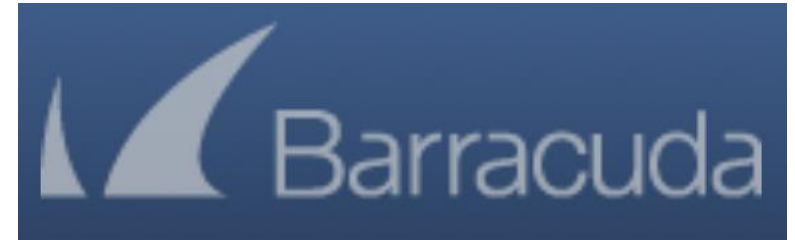
Last Name*

Email*

Sign up for the email list to receive the latest updates. You can add as many emails as you would like.

Don't Miss Our Secure Emails

- We use a HIPAA-compliant secure email platform called Barracuda

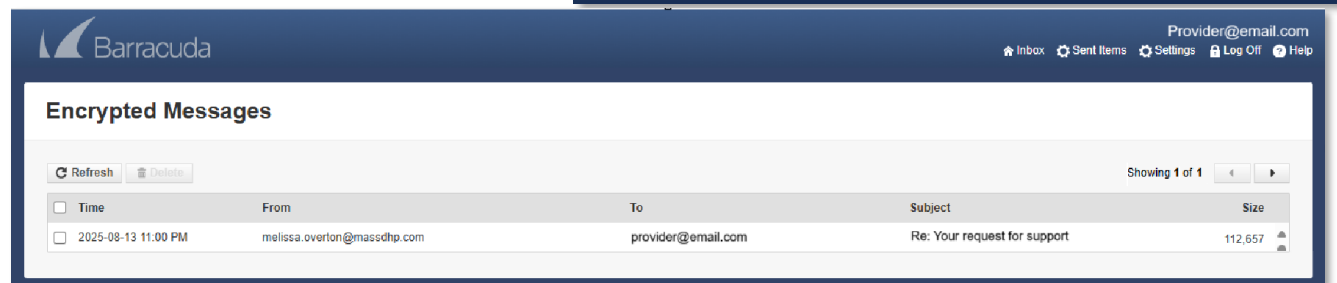
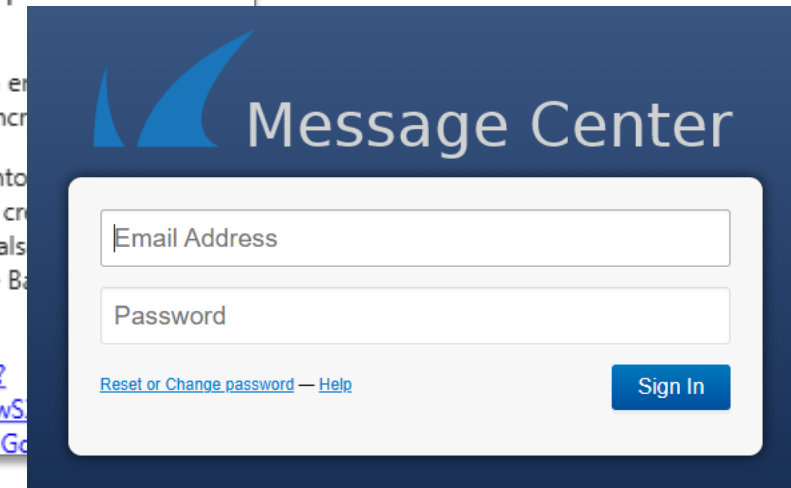
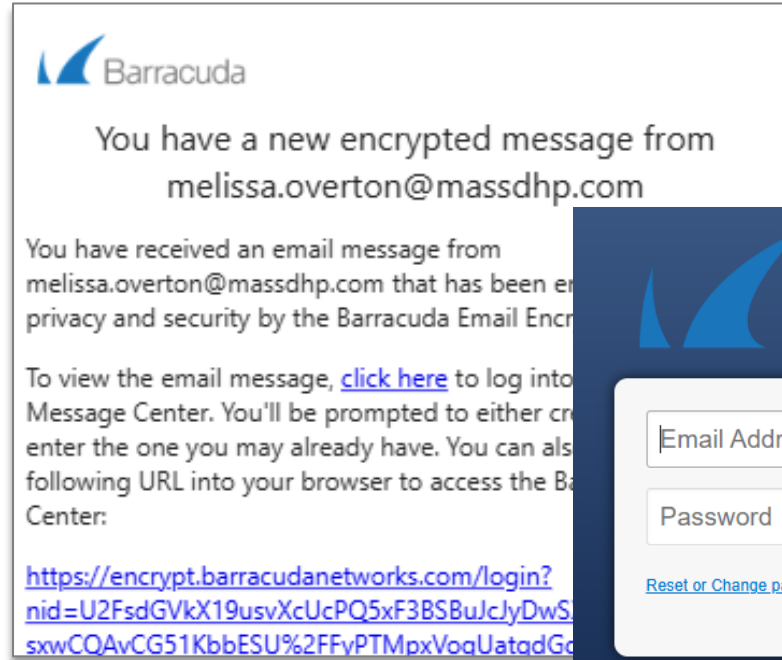


To avoid missing important messages, please:

- ✓ check your Spam or Junk folders and
- ✓ add Barracuda (@barracuda.com) to your safe senders list

Barracuda Email Overview

1. Look for notifications from noreply@barracuda.com in your inbox.
2. Check your Spam/Junk folders if you don't see the email in your inbox.
3. Open the notification email to access your secure message.
4. Click the provided link to open the Barracuda Message Center.
5. Log in using your Barracuda password, or create a new password if it's your first time.
6. Once logged in, view, reply to, or download your secure message.



Note: Barracuda secure messages expire in 30 days. Be sure to download and store a copy securely if needed.

Prepayment Claim Review

- This is a new process to ensure claims align with MassHealth regulations **before payment** is made.
- This review includes but is not limited to:
 - **member eligibility** determination;
 - **provider eligibility** determination;
 - **benefit coverage** determination and/or **coordination of benefit**;
 - determination that the service is **medically necessary** and meets the applicable **standards of care** and is **not duplicative** of another service.
- When clinical review is needed for prepayment claim review, **documentation must be submitted with the claim.**

Prepayment Claim Review (cont.)

- **Prepayment claim review** is conducted in accordance with the MassHealth rules and regulations, including but not limited to 130 CMR 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations*
- MassHealth regulations, including but not limited to 130 CMR 450.205(A) and 130 CMR 450.204(B) require providers to:
 - **keep documentation** that substantiates the provision and medical necessity of services
 - **provide such documentation** to MassHealth upon request
- MassHealth services are not payable without such documentation, and prepayment claim review is a MassHealth request for such documentation

Prepayment Claim Review (cont.)

Previous Requirements

- maintain documentation
- submit documentation *when requested*



New Requirements

- maintain and submit documentation *for all claims that are subject to prepayment claim review* (i.e. documentation is requested for services subject to clinical claim review)

Claim review is not prior authorization. PA requirements remain the same.

Prepayment Claim Review (cont.)

Providers can submit documentation before OR after providing a service:

Before treatment: Request an optional predetermination review to ensure the proposed treatment meets coverage guidelines.

With the claim: Verify compliance with MassHealth regulations, coverage policies, and clinical guidelines before payment.

Optional Predetermination

- Before treatment, providers have the option to submit documentation in advance to check if the proposed treatment is anticipated to meet MassHealth coverage criteria.
- Providers are **not required to request predetermination**

Prepayment claim review and optional predetermination are not prior authorization requirements. MassHealth **prior authorization requirements remain the same and have not changed.**

Benefits of Claims Review



Lower retrospective recoupment audit risk



Clarity on covered benefits



Improved claims accuracy with effective feedback and support



Consultants are making benefit determinations, not treatment recommendations



Intent is to assist providers in adhering to coverage guidelines



Use pre-determination as a service whenever questions on covered services arise

Contact Information

- **For MassHealth Dental questions and inquiries**, please reach out to MassHealth Dental Customer Service by visiting massdhp.org, calling 844-MH-DENTL (844) 643-3685, or emailing:
 - For General Inquiries, CustomerService@massdhp.com
 - For Claims, Claims Payments, Copies of Remits, Benefits, Eligibility, ProviderRequests@massdhp.com
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Historic DentaQuest Portal

The previous DentaQuest provider portal can be accessed through this direct link:

provider.masshealth-dental.net

As a reminder:

- Historical information (such as remittance advice and inquiries) will not transfer to the new portal
- The DentaQuest portal is still available for **read-only access**
- We encourage you to download any necessary information as soon as possible