



# MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRATION OF PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

DATA RELEASE NOTES

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2019 DATA

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## MA-RPO DATA RELEASE NOTES

These release notes are meant to assist end users in their interpretation and utilization of the 2019 MA-RPO dataset. This document augments, rather than supersedes, the [2015 Data Release Notes](#), the [2017 Data Release Notes](#) and the [2018 Data Release Notes](#). Unless otherwise stated in this document, the items described in the 2015, 2017, and 2018 Data Release notes are also applicable to the 2019 data files and have not been reproduced here. Additional questions on the MA-RPO data can be directed to program staff at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov).

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### Data Year

The MA-RPO Program requires that filings be accurate as of a specific date to enhance uniformity and comparability across filings. The dates for each file in the 2019 filing are listed below.

File	Data Accurate As of:
Background Information	1/1/2019
Corporate Affiliations	1/1/2019
Contracting Affiliations	1/1/2019
Contracting Entity	1/1/2019
Facilities	1/1/2019
Clinical Affiliations	1/1/2019
Physician Roster	1/1/2019
Financial Statements	Reflects the entity's most recently completed fiscal year. This was most often FY 2018 or FY 2019. The fiscal year is reported in each entity's Financial Statement's file.
Payer Mix	Reflects the entity's most recently completed fiscal year.

### Abbreviated Applications

Provider Organizations that were approved to file abbreviated applications did not submit a physician roster as part of their filings. These applicants establish contracts on behalf of a group of physicians that also participate in a larger physician network. For example, a multi-specialty physician practice may establish some fee-for-service contracts independently while also participating in an Independent Physician Association (IPA) for its risk contracts. If the multi-specialty physician practice attested that all of its physicians would be reported on the IPA's physician roster, the MA-RPO Program approved the multi-specialty practice to file an abbreviated application. To identify a Provider Organization whose physician roster includes an abbreviated applicant's physicians, refer to data element RPO-39: Legal Name of Third-Party Contracting Entity(ies) in the abbreviated applicant's Background Information file, or refer to the list below.

Please note that Encompass Health Corporation and Quest Diagnostics Incorporated do not establish any contracts on behalf of physicians, and therefore, while not qualifying for abbreviated applications, have not submitted physician rosters.

The following organizations were approved to file abbreviated applications in 2019:

Abbreviated Applicant	Third-Party Contracting Entity (Provider Organization Legal Name)
Affiliated Pediatric Practices, L.L.C.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Inc.	Boston Accountable Care Organization, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Cambridge Public Health Commission	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Cape Cod Healthcare, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
CentMass Association of Physicians, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Charles River Medical Associates, P.C.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Emerson Health System Inc.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Emerson IPA, Inc.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Hallmark Health IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.)
Harbor Health Services, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. Steward Integrated Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
Harrington HealthCare System Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Heywood Healthcare, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Highland Healthcare Associates IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.)
New England Orthopedic Surgeons, Inc.	Baystate Health, Inc.
Seacoast Regional Health System, Inc.	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Upham's Corner Health Committee, Inc.	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Valley Medical Group, P.C.	Baycare Health Partners (Baystate Health, Inc.) Cooley Dickinson Physician Hospital Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)

**2019 Updates to the List of Registering Provider Organizations**

Two organizations that registered in 2018 underwent organizational changes that affected their registration for 2019.

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Foundation of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Inc.: Partners HealthCare System, Inc. acquired Foundation of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in 2018. In its 2019 filing, Partners reported the applicable Foundation of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary information as required by the Data Submission Manual.

Reliant Medical Group, Inc.: UnitedHealth Group, Inc. acquired Reliant Medical Group, Inc. in 2018. In its 2019 filing, UnitedHealth Group reported the application Reliant Medical Group information as required by the Data Submission Manual.

### **New Reporting Requirements**

The MA-RPO Program added some new reporting requirements in 2019, as described below.

Payer Mix File: The Payer Mix file is designed to collect total Gross Patient Service Revenue by payer category during the most recent fiscal year. Provider Organizations were required to complete a Payer Mix file for each of their owned physician practices. Full reporting specifications for the Payer Mix file can be found on pages 82 – 84 of the [2019 Data Submission Manual](#).

Facilities File New Data Elements: Four new data elements were added to the Facilities File.

- RPO-87A: Inpatient Beds (Hospital Satellites), which asks Hospital Satellites if they have staffed inpatient beds
- RPO-87B: Emergency Services, which asks Hospitals, Clinics, and their Satellites whether the Facility has an emergency department or is considered a Satellite Emergency Facility
- RPO-87C: Adult Trauma Center Level, which asks Facilities that responded “Yes” in RPO-87B to indicate their Adult Trauma Center Level
- RPO-87D: Pediatric Trauma Center Level, which asks Facilities that responded “Yes” in RPO-87B to indicate their Pediatric Trauma Center Level

Financial Statements: In August 2018, CHIA updated their financial reporting requirements to collect annual and quarterly financial reports from systems and corporately affiliated physician practices. As part of the 2019 filing, the MA-RPO Program did not require separate financial statement templates for systems or physician practices that had submitted comparable information to CHIA. Financial statements for these organizations can be found on [CHIA’s website](#). A crosswalk of the entities reported to the HPC and CHIA can be found on the MA-RPO data page found [here](#).

### **Contact Us**

MA-RPO Program staff are always happy to answer questions about the dataset and assist end users with questions or concerns. Staff can be reached by e-mail at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov). Please also see the resources available on our website for additional information.

- For a full description of the 2019 reporting requirements, see the [2019 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2018 reporting requirements, see the [2018 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2017 reporting requirements, see the [2017 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2015 reporting requirements, see the [2015 Data Submission Manual](#).

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- For additional suggestions for using and interpreting the MA-RPO data, see the [2015 Data Release Notes](#), the [2017 Data Release Notes](#), the [2018 Data Release Notes](#), and the [MA-RPO Program Overview](#).
  - For a list of frequently asked questions and answers, see the [June 2018 FAQs](#).