

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

[Here](#) is an updated guidance from EOEa which is associated with the DPH Order we shared with you [yesterday](#). The DPH Order avoids a lapse in the provision of skilled services and flexibilities in staffing/training in assisted living residences, which had previously been allowed since 4/2/2020 under the prior State of Emergency. **The updated guidance from EOEa includes an amendment to the previous issued order applicable to all Assisted Living Residences (ALRs) by the Department of Public Health. A requirement that applies now, which did not apply in the 4/2/2020 Order, is as follows:**

C. ALRs providing limited skilled services must track and document for submission to EOEa data including and not limited to the date and time the skilled service is provided, type of skilled service provided, and type of medication assistance resident is receiving. Such data collection and reporting is required for the period June 15 until September 15. An electronic data capture form will be sent under separate cover in the upcoming week.

This guidance states that it shall remain in effect until 12:01 am on September 15, 2021, until Order No. 2021-1 is rescinded by DPH, or until the public health emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first. However, we expect updated guidance based on the news below:

Legislation Extending the Orders Signed Into Law Today

Thank you to the 100+ assisted living residents, family members, and Mass-ALA members who contacted your State Representative and State Senator as part of our Call for Action to [Stand up for Assisted Living Residents](#). Your voice was heard and your advocacy was successful! *We are pleased to share that last night, the legislature enacted and laid before the Governor a [bill](#) that would extend the allowance of these services and staffing and training flexibilities until December 15, or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is sooner. **The Governor signed the bill into law today.** We will keep you updated on any updated state guidance adapting to this extension.*

More information about the updated guidance, reporting and newly signed law will be provided at [Regulations Training](#) tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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