

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

On February 15th, Mass-ALA [shared the news](#) that Governor Baker had signed a broad spending bill that contained four major provisions impacting assisted living. One of those provisions offered liability protection previously in place for providers where care was impacted by COVID-19 having been reinstated for the period of November 22, 2021 through February 28, 2022. The other three major provisions **are set to expire on July 15th**. The allowance for assisted living nurses to provide skilled services was reinstated until July 15th or the end of the Public Health Emergency, whichever is sooner. Additionally, the training flexibilities and special care staffing exceptions previously in place were also allowed for this same time period, expiring July 15th.

Yesterday, the Senate passed a temporary extension of the skilled services, staffing, and training flexibilities until December 15, 2023, but it remains to be seen if the House and/or Governor will approve of that extension. In the absence of a bill passing prior to July 15th, it is important that all ALRs be aware of the upcoming expiration date of these provisions. We will be sure to update you if we learn of an extension being signed into law.

We applaud the Legislature and Governor Baker for having extended the provisions in February, and we applaud the Senate for advancing another possible extension.

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

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