



Dear Members,

Governor Healey signed An Act to Improve Quality and Oversight of Long-Term Care ([H5033](#)) into law on Friday. The bill includes the most substantive updates of the assisted living statute, Chapter 19D, since it was created in 1995. It includes the permanent authorization for assisted living residences (ALRs) to provide basic health services to residents, which Mass-ALA has advocated for since 2015. For more information about the bill, you can read our prior update [here](#).

The law goes into effect 90 days from its signature, which will be December 5, 2024. However, some sections will be effectively delayed until the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) is able to promulgate regulations. EOEA will be tasked with promulgating entirely new regulations to effectuate the permanent provision of basic health services, for example. Other sections would not necessarily require new regulations and could be enforced as soon as December 5, including the new 5% disclosure threshold for investors, new whistleblower protections for staff, and the new ability for EOEA to impose fines for non-compliance.

The next step in the process of implementation is that EOEA will begin drafting regulations consistent with the new law. Mass-ALA will advocate for practical implementation that includes clear guidelines, flexibility, and limits to fines and other sanctions. We will keep you informed throughout the process when there are substantive updates to share.

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

This update is solely for general informational purposes. It is not intended to replace a full review of the cited regulations or guidance.

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