

Dear Members,

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has announced important eligibility changes for the Senior Care Options (SCO) program effective **January 1**, **2026**. These updates will directly impact some residents in assisted living communities.

Key Changes:

To remain eligible for SCO beginning in 2026, individuals must:

- Be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and
- Be enrolled in MassHealth Standard.

Residents who have MassHealth Standard but are not enrolled in both parts of Medicare will no longer qualify for SCO and will be transitioned to **MassHealth Fee for Service (FFS)**.

What This Means for Assisted Living Providers

- Some residents may lose access to SCO care coordination and related services.
- Providers should identify residents currently enrolled in SCO who lack Medicare Part A and B.
- Residents must enroll in Medicare A and B by December 31, 2025 to remain in SCO.
- Providers and subcontractors may need to ensure they are enrolled with MassHealth FFS to continue delivering services.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about these changes.

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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