



## HCAS Revises Credentialing Start Dates

Earlier this summer Health Care Administrative Solutions, Inc. (HCAS) notified providers in Massachusetts and New England of our efforts to streamline the provider credentialing processes on behalf of several of the state's health insurance plans. Since assuming the role of Executive Director at HCAS in April I have met with providers across the state and their responses to the HCAS initiative have been overwhelmingly positive.

Over the past three months we have listened to your feedback and input as we implement our centralized credentialing project. You have cited concerns about resource requirements for the project that could compete with other initiatives such as implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI). In addition, you have given us valuable input regarding changes to the credentialing process and our online system.

As a result, HCAS has decided to defer the start date of our program to January 2007.

This change will allow us to gather valuable input from the early adopters of the program and hold additional training sessions which have been very well received by the provider community.

### Revised HCAS Implementation Dates:

January 1, 2007	Start date for the streamlined recredentialing of Massachusetts physicians (including MDs and doctors of osteopathy)
February 1, 2007	Start date for the streamlined initial credentialing and recredentialing process for all other providers, including physicians and allied (ancillary) health professionals (including doctors of chiropractic and podiatric medicine) located in Massachusetts and other New England states

We at HCAS hope that the next few months will allow for additional preparation. Please visit our web site at [www.hcasma.org](http://www.hcasma.org) to access information on training dates, project information and other resource materials regarding our initiative.

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