

**Community Service Agency (CSA)
Request for Response (RFR)
Updated Timeline
12/17/08**

The deadline for the CSA RFR has been extended to allow those providers – who submitted a letter of intent to bid – additional time to assess their interest in submitting a proposal and to incorporate into their bid the Division of Healthcare Finance and Policy’s final rate determination for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Caregiver Peer to Peer Support Services. The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), in collaboration with the four MassHealth-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs) – Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan, Fallon Community Health Plan, Neighborhood Health Plan¹, and Network Health – announces the following updated CSA RFR procurement timeline:

Milestone	Original Date	Revised Date
RFR proposal submission deadline	1/06/09	1/26/09
Awardees announced	2/10/09	3/6/09
Ramp-up and transition period	2/11/09 – 6/29/09	3/6/09 – 6/29/09
Implementation	6/30/09	No change

We are also announcing that \$3.2 million have been identified to assist with ramp-up needs of CSAs, including costs associated with loss of productivity for staff persons who are in attendance at required, state-sponsored trainings. Disbursement of these funds will depend on the start-up needs for each CSA, which may vary.

¹ Beacon Health Strategies (Beacon) is the behavioral health partner for Fallon and Neighborhood Health Plan.