

**Administrative Information Bulletin 03-10**  
**Guidance Regarding M.G.L. c. 111M and**  
**M.G.L. c. 176Q, as implemented by 956 CMR 6.00**  
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Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 111M, Section 4, and M.G.L. c. 176Q, Sections 3(a)(5) and 3(a)(7), the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the “Health Connector”) is issuing this Administrative Information Bulletin (“Bulletin”) in coordination with the Department of Revenue to provide guidance regarding implementation of M.G.L. c. 111M, Section 2(b)(i), 956 CMR 6.08(3) and 830 CMR 111M.2.1, which govern the imposition of the individual mandate penalty.

The penalty stated in M.G.L. c. 111M, Section 2(b) shall be assessed for each of the months the individual did not have creditable coverage as required by Section 2(a); provided however that any lapse in coverage of 63 days or less shall not be subject to the penalty. To implement this requirement, taxpayers completing the Schedule HC must indicate on the return whether they had creditable coverage in force for each of the 12 months in the tax year. This bulletin clarifies that, for purposes of penalty calculation, taxpayers will not be subject to the penalty if they had lapses in coverage consisting of three or fewer consecutive calendar months.

This Administrative Bulletin takes effect immediately.