### Provider Contract Management System (PCMS) - ASAP User Guide

### Introduction

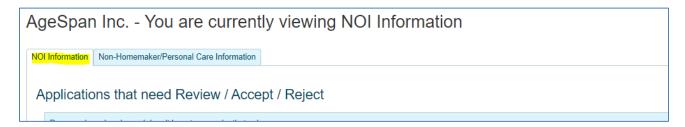
This guide provides detailed instructions for using the Executive Office of Elder Affairs' (EOEA) **Provider Contract Management System (PCMS)** web-based application. It is intended for use by Massachusetts Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs). In 2024, the system has been expanded to include non-Homemaker services.

It is divided into 3 main sections:

- Section 1: PCMS System Access
- Section 2: Homemaker (NOI) Applications and Contract Management
  - A system overview and a step-by-step walk-through of the contracting process for Homemaker, Personal Care, and Supportive Home Care Aide services.
- Section 3: [NEW IN 2024] Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Service Provider Contract Management
  - A step-by-step walk-through of the contracting process for Non-Homemaker/Personal Care services.

Homemaker/Personal Care NOI functionality has not been changed with the addition of the non-Homemaker/Personal Care services in 2024. You will notice that there are 2 clearly marked tabs on the home page, one for Homemaker/Personal Care NOI, and one for Non-Homemaker/Personal Care services.

Homemaker/Personal Care NOI Tab:



Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Tab:

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#### **Revisions**

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## **PCMS System Access**

ASAP PCMS users must first have access to the UMass Single Sign on portal. User requests should be sent to SIMS Support using the Elder Affairs Ticketing System (EAST). When the account is set up, the PCMS icon will be added to your UMass portal page.

Instructions on how to reset your password and Multifactor Authentication (MFA) method can be found in Appendix A.

### **Working With Grids in the PCMS**

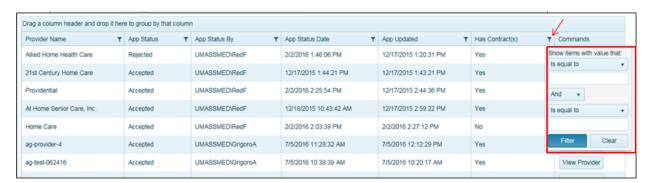
The grids located on the home page in the PCMS application allow an ASAP user to filter and sort in a multitude of ways.

#### **Filtering**

At the top of each column is the column name, and a filter symbol: T. Clicking on that symbol displays your filtering options for that column.

For example, if you want to view only providers who have an active contract you could follow these steps:

1. In the *All Providers...* grid, click the filter symbol at the top of the *Has Contract(s)* column to display options:

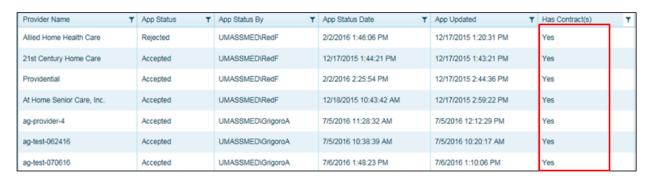


Note that under *Show items with value that*, you have many options. In this case *Is equal to* works well for my desired outcome.

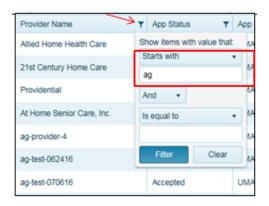
2. Enter "Yes" in the text field and click the *Filter* button to capture all providers with existing contracts.



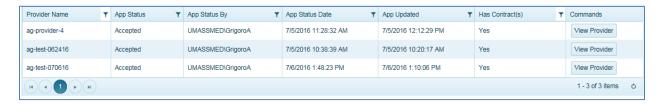
The grid now only shows providers who have contracts:



For some filtering jobs, it may be easier to change the *Show items with value that* selection to *Starts with*. In the example below the Provider Name column is being filtered to show only providers whose name *starts with* "AG".



Adding this filter results in the grid shown below, only showing providers whose name starts with those letters:



\*Be sure to *clear* filters after you have used them, unless you intend to keep them in place. The *clear* option is available when you click the filter symbol. If you do not see the information you expect in your grid, it could be because a filter is in place that needs to be cleared.

#### **Sorting**

Simply click on a column header to sort by that column's data. A small arrow indicates that the grid is being sorted by that column. In the example below, the grid is sorted by the most recent App Update, most recent first:

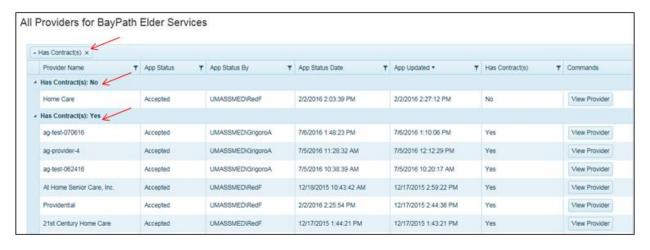


#### **Grouping by Column**

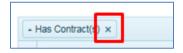
At the top of each grid you have the option to group by any column. This is achieved, as indicated in the text at the top of the grid, by dragging a column header and dropping it at the top of the grid.



The screen below shows the same grid after the *Has Contract(s)* column has been dragged to that location on the screen. Note how the display of the data has changed to reflect this grouping choice:



To undo this grouping display, click on the X next to the group item:

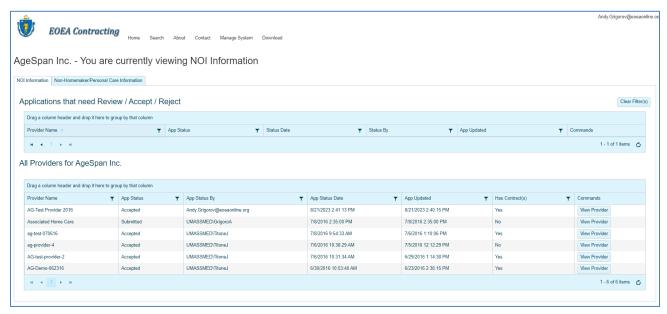


# Homemaker/Personal Care (NOI) Applications and Contract Management

### **Home Page**

The NOI application home page consists of two main sections, or grids:

- 1. Applications that need Review / Accept / Reject This grid displays providers associated with your ASAP whose application you have not yet approved or rejected
- 2. All Providers for [Your ASAP] This grid displays all providers associated with your ASAP that you have taken some action on (Accepted / Rejected / entered into a contract with)

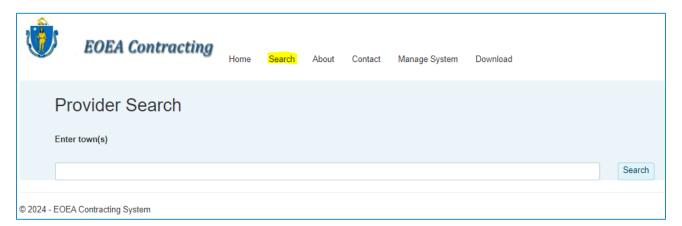


For more information on using filters and sorting grids, go to the <u>Working with Grids in NOI</u> section of this quide.

### **NOI - Other Sections**

#### Search

ASAP users can conduct a search to identify providers who cover specific towns in this section of the NOI. Click the Search heading to access this feature:



#### **About & Contact**

These sections simply contain basic ASAP facts & information about EOEA. Future versions of the NOI may enhance these sections.

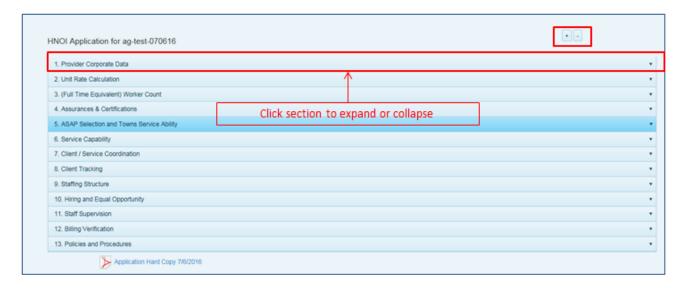
## Homemaker/Personal Care NOI Process - Step by Step

## **New Application Arrives**

ASAPs learn of the arrival of new provider applications by logging into the PCMS system regularly. There are no longer email notifications sent to ASAPs to alert them. A new application appearing on your ASAP NOI home page as shown below indicates that this provider has been approved by EOEA to pursue ASAP contracts.

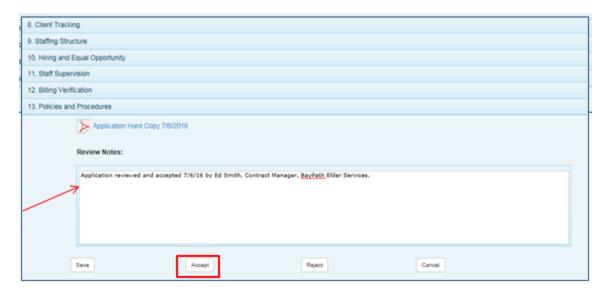
- 1. Click the Accept Reject button in the Commands column to open the application.
- 2. Open and review the provider's responses in each section of the application. To expand a section, either click directly on the section itself or click the arrow to the far right of the desired section. Do the same to collapse sections.

To expand or collapse all sections at once, click the + - symbols near the top of the screen.

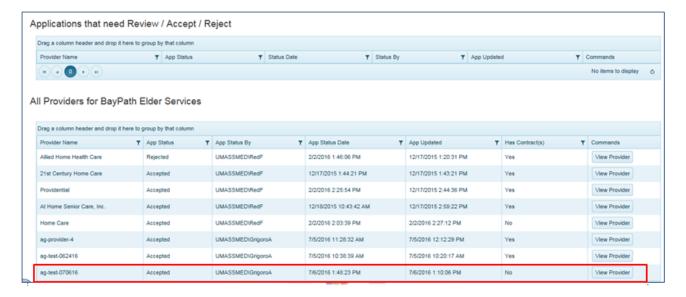


### Accepting/Rejecting an Application

3. In this example the ASAP is accepting the provider's application and will pursue a contract. When your review is complete and a decision reached regarding the application, add a comment at the bottom of the page in the *Review Notes* section. This comment will be visible to the provider. Then click *Accept*.



This will return you to your home page. You will notice that the accepted application is now in the lower *All Providers...* section, because you have taken an action on it. Note that you can filter and sort using the various column headers, including *application status*, and whether or not a provider has an *active contract* with you.



### **Pursuing a Contract**

- 4. To move forward with the contracting process, click *View Provider* in the appropriate row.
- 5. Click the Add Contract button. You also have the option to view the application from this page.



6. This opens the contract creation page. Under Contract Details, enter the performance of service date information as desired.



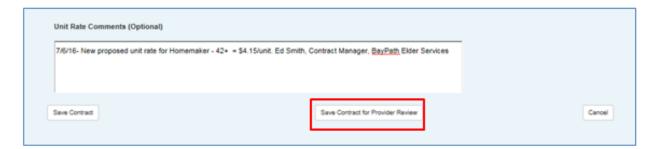
7. Review the cities and towns to be serviced by the provider.

### **Rate Negotiation and Executing Contract**

8. Review the Contracted Unit Rate section, and the corresponding Rate Sheet completed by the provider. To negotiate a rate, enter your counter offer next to the appropriate service. To enter a rate, use the arrows or enter the rate directly into the field.

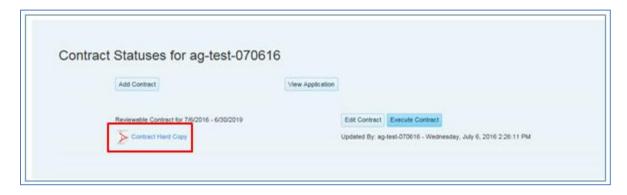


9. Add a comment at the bottom of the page noting your action. Always include the date, your name and organization in any comments. Then in order for the provider to review and make a counter proposal, click *Save Contract for Provider Review*. You must click this option to execute a contract. The ASAP is able to execute a contract without any provider action taken.

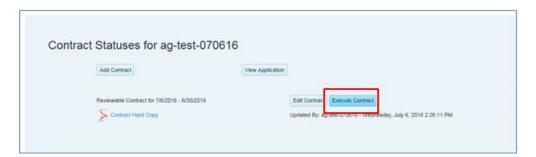


At this point the provider can again view the status of the contract, review the rate proposal that you have made and make a counter offer. Whether or not this process occurs within the system or in person/by phone the rate is negotiable up until the time when the ASAP executes the contract in the NOI application.

10. Print out the *Contract Hard Copy* when you are ready to execute the contract. The provider's information, including the final negotiated rate, is automatically transferred to the contract document. Sign and send by post to the provider for their signature. Make the fully signed copy available for upload by scanning and saving it to your computer.



11. When you have the signed Contract available, click Execute Contract.



12. Click *Select Executed Contract*, locate the signed contract saved on your computer system, and *open* to upload it.

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Upload Signed Contract					
Select Executed Contract					
Execute Contract	Canoel				

13. Finally, click on Execute Contract on this same page:



#### **After Contract is Finalized**

Once the contract is executed, you have additional options available to you when you view this provider's information in the NOI system.



#### **Contract Amendments**

Clicking on the *Amend Contract* button opens the page below, allowing for the modification of geographic service areas, negotiated rate(s), and provider name for an approved contracted provider.

Any change initiated by the ASAP can be printed, *saved*, or *saved for Provider Review* (which allows provider edits.) The amendment effective date must also be entered.

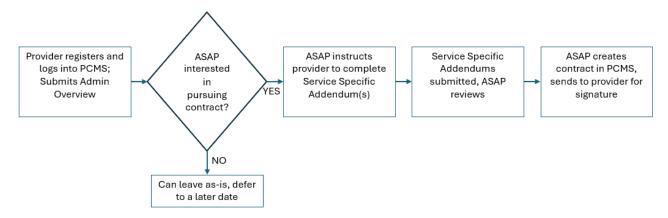


End Homemaker/NOI Section

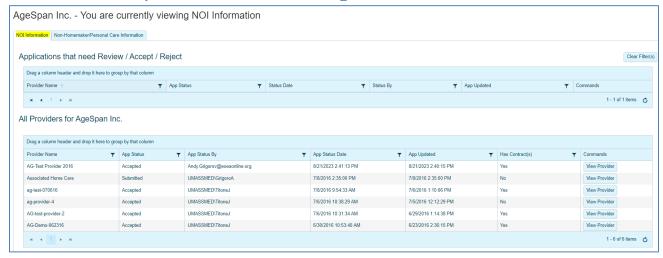
# Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Administrative Overviews and Contract Management

### Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Workflow in the PCMS

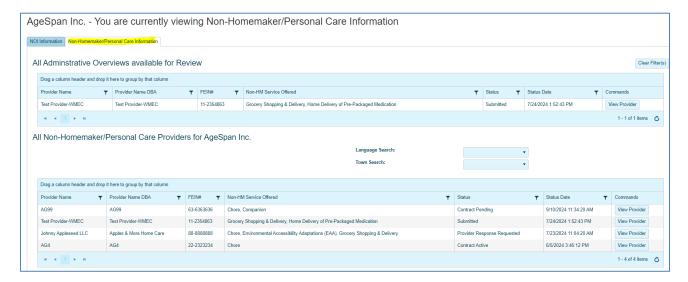
Below is a High Level Overview of the Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Workflow. Details on key steps follow.



### Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Home Page



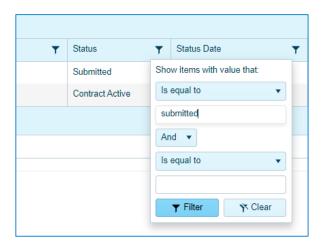
1. Click on the Non-Homemaker/Personal Care Information tab. The layout is similar to the NOI page: Providers in need of review in the top section, all providers in the lower section.



The lower section contains additional search tools for Languages offered by providers and the
Towns they service. For example, by selecting a Language from the Language Search drop down field
you will filter the grid to only the Provider(s) that offer that language:



• As with the NOI page, you can filter and sort the columns to display only the providers you are interested in viewing.



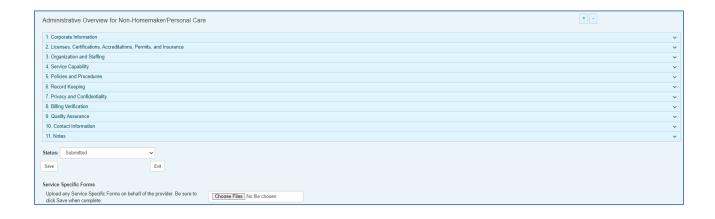
2. To view an Administrative Overview that has been recently submitted, click on the View Provider box.



3. Click View Application to open the Administrative Overview



• The Administrative Overview form is set up in a similar way to the NOI application, with sections that can be expanded and collapsed.

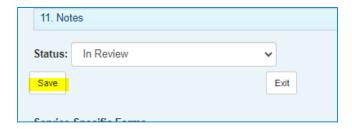


# Using the Status field in the Administrative Overview

- ASAPs control the *Status* of the Administrative Overview.
- ASAPs can request a response from the provider by changing the status from Submitted to Provider Response Requested.
- The ASAP is not obligated to act on a submitted Administrative Overview. It is recommended that the ASAP change the status of any Administrative Overview to *Deferred*, if the ASAP is not interested at the time of receipt. This keeps the ASAP dashboard "clean" and still allows it to search for the provider at a later date.



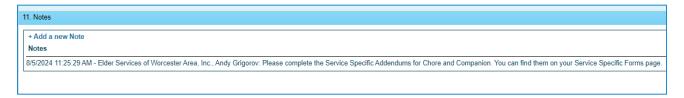
4. Change the Status of the Administrative Overview to *In Review*, and click *Save*. This change in status is visible to the provider.



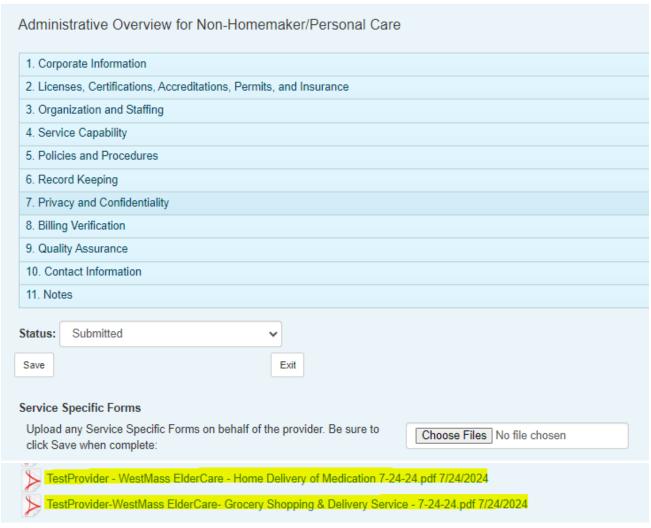
5. Review the Administrative Overview: Expand each section and review the contents.

#### **Notes in the Administrative Overview**

- ASAPs and Providers can use the *Notes* section to communicate back and forth regarding an application. Each note displays the timestamp, agency name, and the person adding the note.
- 6. If the ASAP wishes to pursue a contract with the provider: Add a note requesting that the provider completes the relevant Non-Homemaker/Personal Care *Service Specific Addendum*(s).

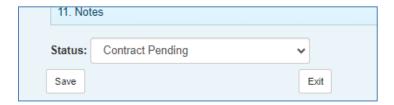


- 7. Change the Status to *Provider Response Requested* and *save*. Note that ASAPs cannot take further action in the system until the provider responds and 'resubmits' the Administrative Overview.
- Note that on your PCMS home page, the submission has been moved to the lower section, and displays the new status:
- At this point the Provider will login, complete the service specific forms, and resubmit the
  Administrative Overview. When completed, the Provider will reappear in the top section of the Non
  Homemaker/Personal Care Information Home Page, and the status of the application will be
  submitted.
- 8. Click *View Provider* and then re-open the Administrative Overview. You should see the uploaded forms at the bottom of the screen.

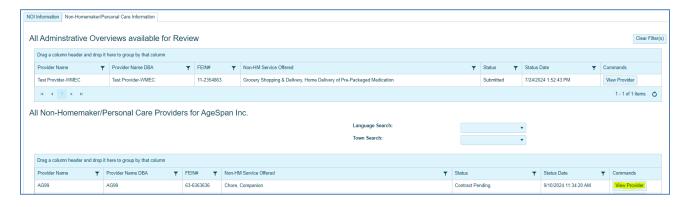


- If the provider transmits the Service Specific Addendums in a different manner (email, printed copies, etc.), or does not have the technical capacity, the ASAP can upload them on the provider's behalf.
- 14. Change the status of the Administrative Overview to *In Review*.
- 15. Review the uploaded Service Specific Addendums.
- If the ASAP chooses to pursue a contract, they will likely be in contact with the provider outside of the system to discuss rates and other topics related to finalization of the Provider Agreement.
- An ASAP may also communicate with the provider using the *Notes* section of the Administrative Overview, and changing the *Status* to *Provider Response Requested*.

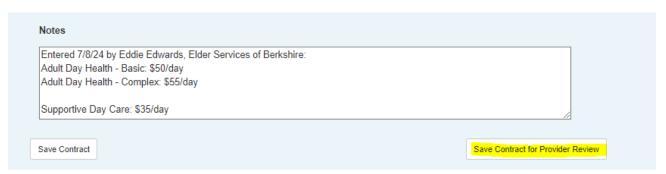
16. When the decision is made, change the *Status* of the Administrative Overview to *Contract Pending*, and *Save*.



17. Go to the Home Page, click View Provider



- 18. Click *Add Contract*. This opens the *Contract Details* page, where you will enter the contract dates, and make adjustments if needed to Towns selected. What you enter here will appear on the rate page of the provider agreement.
- 19. In the *Notes* section, enter the agreed upon services and rates include your name and the date. Then click *Save Contract for Provider Review*. If the provider also is contracting for HM/PC services, the rates grid will appear as it does for NOI. Non-HM/PC service rate information is added to the Notes section manually, as shown below.

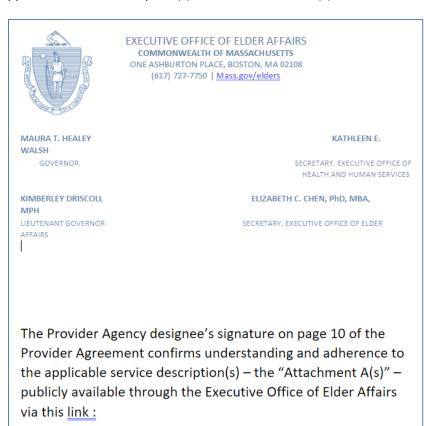


- 20. After the provider has reviewed the contract, printed and signed it, and sent it to you, follow these steps to *Execute*:
  - Go to Administrative Overview and change status to Contract Active and Save.
  - Return to Home Page and click on *View Provider* in the lower section.

- On the Contact Status page, click Execute Contract
- Click Select Executed Contract, upload the signed document, and click Execute

### A Note about Non-HM/PC Attachment A's

The Provider Agreement document that is created within the PCMS does not include each individual Attachment A for each Non-HM/PC services that the provider is contracted to provide. Rather, there is an inserted page (see below) stipulating that by signing the agreement the provider "confirms understanding and adherence to applicable service description(s) – the "Attachment A(s)."



https://noi.800ageinfo.com/Home/PublicDocuments

# **PCMS Application Support & User Requests**

All issues related to the Provider Contract Management System should be sent to Homemaker.noi@MassMail.State.MA.US.

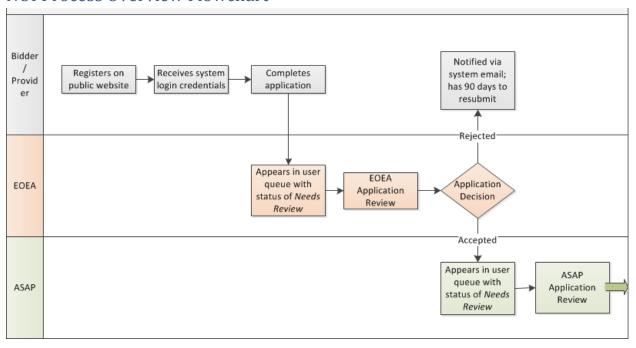
Please include as much detail as possible when describing your issue.

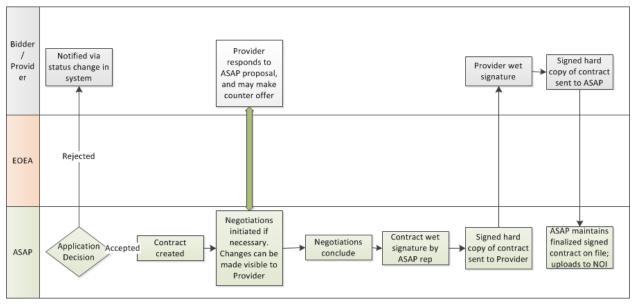
#### Regarding user requests:

ASAP PCMS users must first have an UMass VPN (Virtual Private Network) account in order to access the PCMS system. To request an account, a user must complete and sign the *Non-UMMS User Data Access Agreement* and email to <a href="mailto:Homemaker.noi@MassMail.State.MA.US">Homemaker.noi@MassMail.State.MA.US</a>. These forms can be requested by sending an email to same address.

It is essential that users who are no longer in need of access to the PCMS are deactivated. Please be vigilant in submitting the appropriate names for deactivation when needed.

### **NOI Process Overview Flowchart**



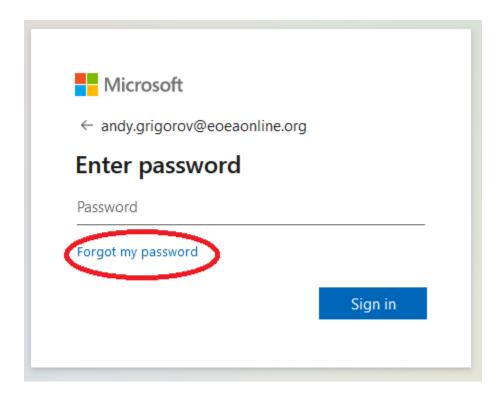


# **Appendix A - Resetting Password and Multifactor Authentication Settings**

### **How to Reset Your Password (Self-service)**

There are two ways to access the reset password function:

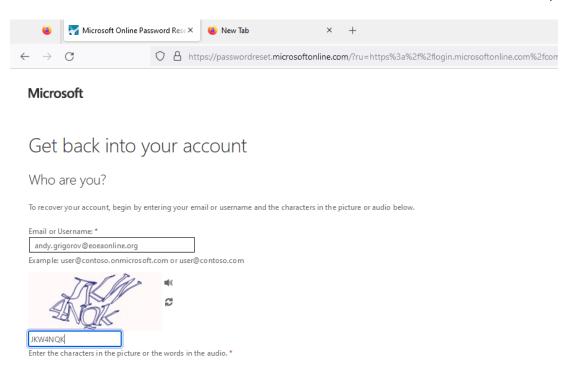
1. Click "Forgot my password" on the login page (<a href="https://myapps.microsoft.com">https://myapps.microsoft.com</a>), as shown below:



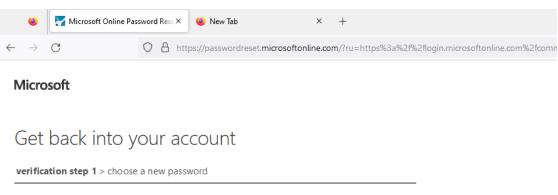
2. Go directly to <a href="https://passwordreset.microsoftonline.com">https://passwordreset.microsoftonline.com</a>

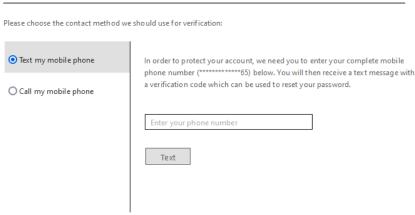
Next, the "Get back into your account" prompt is displayed, as shown below. Provide responses to the prompts, and click *Next*.

Cancel

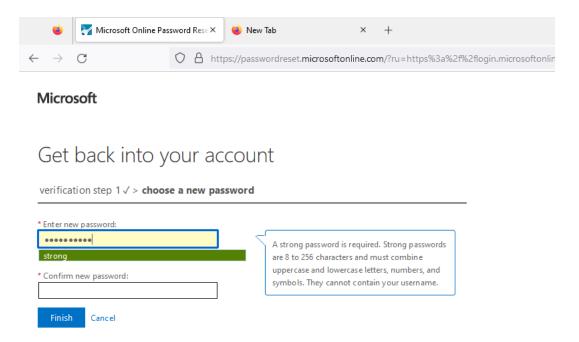


Then you'll be prompted to use one of the security access methods you specified during account setup, to verify your identity and reset your password (see image below).



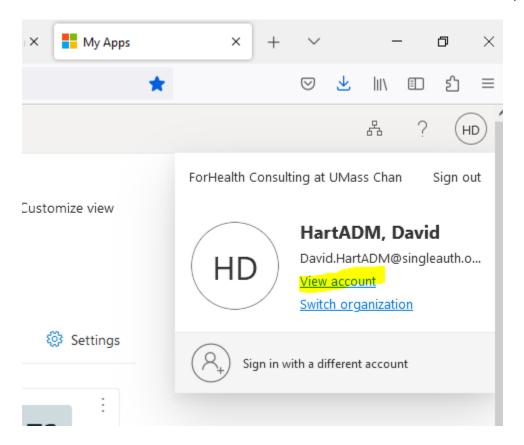


After you've verified your identity, you'll be prompted specify your new password, as shown below:

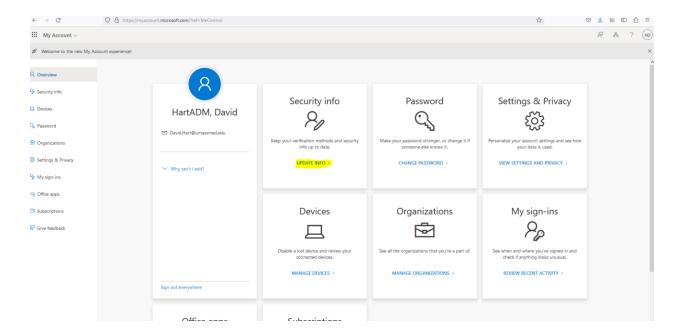


# **How to Manage Multifactor Authentication Settings**

1. Select View Account from Top-right



#### 2. In View Account, select Security info



3. In Security Info, add and change phone numbers etc.

