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958 CMR 2.00: ONE-TIME ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN QUALIFYING HOSPITALS AND QUALIYFING SURCHARGE PAYORS

This is to notify payers that the Health Policy Commission (Commission) has released a draft regulation, 958 CMR 2.00, governing payments to the Health Policy Commission required by section 241 of c. 224 of the acts of 2012. This regulation provides for the determination and payment of a one-time assessment of $165,000,000, paid over up to four years, on certain "Qualifying Surcharge Payors" to the Commission.

The draft regulation is subject to approval by the Board of the Commission. Prior to final approval, the Commission will accept public comment and the regulation shall be the subject of a public hearing. The draft regulation is available for public review on the Commission's website.

As provided in section 241 of c. 224 of the acts of 2012, the amount to be paid to the Commission by each Qualifying Surcharge Payor is the product of: (a) $165,000,000 and (b) an assessment percentage. Based on the proposed draft regulation and using the best available data provided by the Center for Health Information and Analysis, the Commission has calculated the assessment percentage and assessment amount for each Qualifying Surcharge Payor. This calculation is attached.

The calculation is provided for **informational** purposes only and is subject to final approval and verification. The Commission shall provide further guidance to all Qualifying Surcharge Payors on the official determination and payment of this assessment.

The Health Policy Commission is an independent state agency established under M.G.L. c.6D by Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. More information about the Commission may be found at: http://www.mass.gov/anf/budget-taxes-and-procurement/oversight-agencies/health-policy-commission/