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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on March 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of:

101 CMR 310.00: Adult Day Health Services

This regulation, 101 CMR 310.00, establishes the rates to be paid for Adult Day Health (ADH) services provided under the MassHealth program. 101 CMR 310.00 is being amended in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, which requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to establish the rates to be paid by governmental units for health care services on a biennial basis. The proposed regulation removes the Health Promotion and Prevention (HPP) level of service, the lowest level of ADH services, as this level of service is being eliminated to promote a higher model of medical care provided under the MassHealth ADH program. It is anticipated that all members currently receiving the HPP level of service will be placed into the higher Basic level of service because the clinical eligibility requirements for the HPP level and the Basic level are the same. The proposed regulation establishes all other rates for ADH services under the MassHealth program at the current level.

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than May 20, 2016. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the e-mail with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by e-mail should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.



Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by e-mail at masshealthhelp@ehs.state.ma.us or by phone at 617-847-3468 (TTY: 617-847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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