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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held on Friday, June 29, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-4704 relative to the adoption of amendments to:

114.4 CMR 14.00: Rates for Family Stabilization Services

The proposed amendments establish rates for family stabilization services purchased by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), including Comprehensive Services, After School Respite, Educational Coordination, Family Training Groups, Combined Hourly Services, and Unbundled Intensive Foster Care Special Support Services. The proposed rates were developed using model budgets and are based on an analysis of data from FY 2010 contract budgets, the FY 2009 UFR and other salary sources. The Division developed standard benchmarks for management, clinical, non-clinical, support staff salaries, tax and fringe percentage, other direct program and administrative and general costs and adjusted total model budget costs by a cost adjustment factor of 4.46%. The amendments also establish rates for additional Family Support Center services purchased by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) consistent with methods and rates already contained in the regulation. The proposed amendments are effective on October 1, 2012.

The Division is proposing these amendments to comply with the requirements of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008 to establish class rates that are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. It is estimated that aggregate annual expenditures by DCF will increase by approximately \$1.26 million, or 3%, as a result of these amendments. It is estimated that there will be no fiscal impact on DDS expenditures. The impact on individual providers will vary based on the volume and mix of services provided, and the difference between each provider's current contract payments and the revised payment rates at future purchase volume.

Individuals that notify the Division of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify the Division of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/dhcfp/regulations. Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing HCF-

Regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-4704. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on July 10, 2012. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy or viewed at the Division's website at www.mass.gov/dhcfp/regulations.