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Draft MassHealth Access Monitoring Review Plan- Public Comment Period Now Open

MassHealth is seeking your feedback and input on the development of an access monitoring review plan that the agency is submitting to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in order to comply with a CMS [regulation](#) published on November 2, 2015.

The regulation requires each state to submit an access monitoring review plan that measures whether Medicaid members have sufficient access to care and to analyze the results of the measurements. The plan must specify data sources used to report on access measures that will address:

- the extent to which member needs are met;
- the availability of care and providers;
- changes in member service utilization; and
- comparisons between Medicaid rates and rates paid by other payers.

The access monitoring review plan must include a state review of a core set of five services:

1. primary care,
2. physician specialists,
3. behavioral health,
4. pre- and post-natal obstetrics, and
5. home health services.

According to CMS, within the plans, each state may choose the appropriate measures, data sources, baselines, and thresholds that take into account state-specific delivery systems, member characteristics, and geography.

To comply with the CMS regulation, the draft access monitoring review plan is posted here on the agency's website to solicit stakeholder feedback. MassHealth is accepting comments on the draft through August 20, 2016. Written comments may be delivered by email or mail.

By email, please send comments to AMRP@State.MA.US and include "Comments on Access Monitoring Review Plan" in the subject line.

By mail, please send comments to:

EOHHS Office of Medicaid
Attn: Access Monitoring Review Plan Comments
One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Comments must be received by August 20, 2016 in order to be considered in the development of the final access monitoring review plan that the agency will submit to CMS.

Read the draft MassHealth access monitoring review plan at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/draft-masshealth-access-monitoring-review-plan.pdf>

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: [National Health Care Reform](#) to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

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