

**Fact Sheet: MassHealth's Requested 1115 Demonstration Amendment  
Supports Health Equity and Universal Coverage**

*January 21, 2025*

**On January 21, 2025 the Healey-Driscoll Administration posted for public comment a proposal to amend Massachusetts' Section 1115 Demonstration ("1115 Demonstration").** The amendment proposes additional innovative flexibilities under the 1115 Demonstration that was approved on September 28, 2022.

The Massachusetts 1115 Demonstration, currently approved through December 31, 2027, has long supported the Commonwealth's commitment to universal health care coverage and has provided federal authority to test innovations in payment and care delivery.

**MassHealth intends to request authority through this amendment to implement the following changes:**

- ***Exempt CommonHealth Members from Estate Recovery***

- The Massachusetts Legislature via Chapter 197 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2024 (H.5033), amended the estate recovery requirements in Mass. General Laws chapter 118E, Section 31 to prohibit estate recovery from individuals who received medical assistance under the CommonHealth program. Massachusetts is seeking 1115 waiver authority to implement this new policy related to MassHealth's estate recovery efforts.
- As a result of these estate recovery changes, MassHealth will waive all estate recovery requirements for all CommonHealth members as defined in MassHealth's 1115 Demonstration STC 5.6.

**Public Comment Period:**

EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed amendment through 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2025. Written comments may be delivered by email or mail. By email, please send comments to [1115WaiverComments@mass.gov](mailto:1115WaiverComments@mass.gov) and write "1115 Amendment Comments" in the subject line. By mail, please send comments to: 1115 Amendment Comments, EOHHS Office of Medicaid, One Ashburton Place, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Comments must be received by February 20, 2025 in order to be considered.

The amendment documents may be obtained on the MassHealth website: [1115 MassHealth Demonstration \("Waiver"\) | Mass.gov](#). Additional updates and final submissions to CMS will also be posted on this website.

EOHHS will host a public listening session (both in person and virtually) to hear public comments on the Demonstration Amendment. Stakeholders are invited to review the Demonstration Amendment in advance and share with EOHHS staff at the listening session any input and feedback, or questions for future clarification. The listening session is scheduled as follows.

**Date: Monday, February 3, 2025**

**Time: 11:00-12:00**

**Meeting Location: One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 10139**

**Meeting Link:**

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/91395138441?pwd=Gqa3aDdF53fQNNMWKQE256bDdgz6SS.1>

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Reasonable Accommodation: If you require an ADA accommodation for either the in-person or virtual option, please contact [1115WaiverComments@mass.gov](mailto:1115WaiverComments@mass.gov).