

**Notice of Submission of a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115  
Demonstration:  
Summary and Public Comment Period**

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) announces its intent to submit a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Public Comment Period:**

EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Amendment through 5pm on April 25, 2021. Written comments may be delivered by email or mail. By email, please send comments to [1115-Comments@Mass.gov](mailto:1115-Comments@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, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Comments must be received by April 25, 2021 in order to be considered.

The amendment documents may be obtained on the MassHealth Innovations website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/amendment-of-1115-masshealth-demonstration-waiver-march-2021>.. Additional updates and final submissions to CMS will also be posted on this website.

EOHHS will hold a virtual public meeting to hear comments from the public on the proposed Amendment:

**Listening session:**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Meeting Link:** Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/98694523661?pwd=b09jVWZqTUNXWDVJQig2K3A4NkFiUT09>

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Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services will be available at the meeting. Please contact Alysa St. Charles at [Alysa.stcharles@umassmed.edu](mailto:Alysa.stcharles@umassmed.edu) to request additional accommodations.

## **Background:**

The MassHealth Section 1115 demonstration provides federal authority for Massachusetts to expand eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible, offer services that are not typically covered by Medicaid, and use innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs. The 1115 demonstration is authorized through June 30, 2022.

## **Summary of proposed changes:**

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is requesting an amendment to the Demonstration to make the changes summarized below.

### ***Expanding eligibility***

1. Updates to Medicare Savings Program language to comply with state law
  - A. Increase the income limit for Medicare Savings Program benefits without an asset test from 135% to 165%
  - B. Allow Standard members eligible through the State Plan to also be eligible for Qualified Individual Medicare Saving Program benefits
2. Updates to eligibility for postpartum coverage
  - A. Extend eligibility for postpartum coverage to 12 months for members who are citizens or lawfully present immigrants and who have attested modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
  - B. Authorize postpartum coverage for members not otherwise eligible due to immigration status

### ***Enhancing services for specialized populations***

3. Provide Community Support Program benefits with a particularized focus for individuals with justice involvement living in the community

### ***Providing flexibilities related to place of service***

4. Permit the state to make payments for clinic services delivered via telehealth and in other non-clinic locations

5. Authorize a Hospital at Home program to reduce cost, improve quality and safety, and improve patient experience