Notice of Agency Action

Subject: MassHealth: Notice of Submission of a Request to Extend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration

Agency: Executive Office of Health and Human Services

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) announces its intent to submit a request to extend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration ("Request") to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The MassHealth 1115 Demonstration provides federal authority to advance health care delivery reforms, address whole-person health, improve quality outcomes for MassHealth members, and drive accountability for costs with health care providers.

Under the current 2022–2027 demonstration, MassHealth has strengthened integrated, value-based care, holding providers accountable for the quality and total cost of care and improving the integration of physical health, behavioral health, long-term services, and other supports such as nutrition services to address the root causes of health problems and empower members to take control of their health. The current demonstration period ends December 31, 2027. We are requesting another five-year demonstration from January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2032.

This fall, MassHealth will submit the Request to continue progress in value-based care and whole-person health with four goals.

1) Continue to promote value by improving access, quality, and efficiency.

2) Strengthen innovative care delivery for primary care, behavioral health, and pediatric care, focusing on prevention, chronic disease management, and shifting the delivery system away from siloed, fee-for-service health care.

3) Support the Commonwealth's safety net, including through ongoing, predictable funding for safety net providers with a continued linkage to accountable care.

4) Maintain near-universal coverage for all eligible Commonwealth residents.

The Request documents, including a more detailed public notice, are at mass.gov/info-details/1115-masshealth-demonstration-waiver.

Public Comment Period

EOHHS will host two public hearings to hear public comments on the Request. Stakeholders are invited to review the Request in advance and share with EOHHS at the hearings any input, feedback, or questions. The public hearings are scheduled as follows.

Public Hearing #1 will be held virtually.

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting:
https://zoom.us/j/99662253321?pwd=PGPXaqGbJabIUb4ngfYhibnV5n1k8b.1
Meeting ID: 996 6225 3321
Passcode: 124374

Public Hearing #2 will be held both virtually and in person.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
One Ashburton Place, 2nd Floor, Boston MA, 02108
Zoom meeting:
https://zoom.us/j/99404709871?pwd=iUkMn0DSPUh0nmsZohxnXE6zQctYa4.1
Meeting ID: 994 0470 9871
Passcode: 213343

Live transcription and closed captioning will be available at both events. Please contact 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov at least one week before each hearing to request reasonable accommodations or additional language translation for either date.

EOHHS will accept written comments on the proposed Request through Monday, October 19, 2026. Written comments may be sent by email or mail. By email, please send comments to 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov, with "Comments on Demonstration Extension Request" in the subject line. By mail, please send comments to EOHHS Office of Medicaid, Attn.: 1115 Demonstration Comments, One Ashburton Place, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. October 19, 2026 to be considered. You can get paper or electronic copies of the Request documents and/or submitted comments by emailing a request to 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov or by mailing a request to EOHHS Office of Medicaid, Attn.: 1115 Demonstration Comments, One Ashburton Place, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. EOHHS will post comments on the MassHealth 1115 Demonstration website with the final submission to CMS: mass.gov/info-details/1115-masshealth-demonstration-waiver.

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