

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

August 20, 2013

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Date: Tuesday, August 27
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA

Stakeholder Meeting #2:

Date: Thursday, August 29
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA

The Demonstration Extension Request documents may be obtained on the MassHealth 1115 Demonstration website: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/masshealth-and-health-care-reform.html>. Additional updates and final submissions to CMS will also be posted on this website.

Paper copies of the documents may be obtained in person by request from 9am-5pm at EOHHS, One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

Background:

The MassHealth 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 current 1115 Demonstration is authorized through June 30, 2014.

The Commonwealth's Demonstration Extension Request outlines the specific authorities being requested from CMS from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019 to sustain and improve upon the gains in coverage, affordability and access to health care achieved to date under the Demonstration.

The MassHealth 1115 Demonstration has been a key element in the Commonwealth's achievement of near-universal coverage since the enactment of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006. Now, as required by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and recent state legislation (Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012), the next phase of health care reform focuses on cost containment and delivery system reforms. MassHealth is well positioned to continue its leadership role in these areas by advancing alternative payment methodologies and delivery system transformation including medical homes and integrated care for high risk populations. To meet the 1115 Demonstration's goals and gain additional benefits through reform, the Commonwealth's partnership with CMS through the Demonstration remains central to the Demonstration's continued success.

The Demonstration Extension Request affects eligibility, benefits, payment methodologies and delivery systems, as well as changes to expenditure authorities under the Demonstration.

Summary of Requested Changes to the Demonstration:***Five-Year Renewal Term and the One Care Integrated Care Model***

A five-year renewal term, as authorized by the Social Security Act, will support the full implementation of the Commonwealth's Duals Demonstration and its integrated care model known as One Care, which provides coverage for individuals under age 65 who are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. The Duals Demonstration and the 1115 Demonstration are closely interrelated and provide complementary authorities that enable the Commonwealth's efforts to institute a fully integrated and fully capitated delivery model for disabled members. Massachusetts aims to learn from the Duals Demonstration and explore expanding the One Care model to non-dual eligible disabled members through the 1115 Demonstration in future years.

Advancing Alternative Payment Models

MassHealth's new Primary Care Payment Reform Initiative (PCPRI) is the primary vehicle to transition MassHealth members to alternative payment methodologies, as required by Chapter 224, the Commonwealth's pioneering 2012 payment reform and cost containment legislation. To transform health care delivery and payment through the PCPRI, the Commonwealth requests authority to set shared savings / risk targets for providers and to make shared savings payments or, as applicable, recoup payments to providers under alternative payment arrangements involving shared risk. This authority will establish the basis for the Commonwealth to fully implement both the PCPRI and an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model currently in development. With

PCPRI as its foundation, MassHealth would consider making three key changes to the future ACO model: shifting the contracting entity from a Primary Care Clinician (PCC) to an ACO; adjusting the payment model to encourage providers to take on higher levels of risk; and modifying quality metrics and delivery model requirements to extend beyond a medical home to a “medical neighborhood.”

Pediatric Asthma Pilot Program

The Commonwealth requests continued authority to implement a Pediatric Asthma Pilot Program for MassHealth members aged two through 18 with high risk or poorly controlled asthma who are enrolled in selected PCC Plan practices.

Safety Net Care Pool

The Commonwealth requests the following authorities for the Safety Net Care Pool:

1. Elimination of the Provider Sub-Cap;
2. Continued expenditure authority for existing Designated State Health Programs and new authority for additional programs, including:
 - State-supported subsidies for individuals with incomes up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who enroll in health insurance through the Health Connector; and
 - New state health programs associated with Chapter 224 and related efforts to advance Massachusetts’ ambitious health care reform and cost containment agenda;
3. Continued authority for the Delivery System Transformation Initiatives;
4. Continued authority for supplemental payments to Cambridge Health Alliance; and
5. Continued authority for the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grants program.

Express Lane Renewal

The Commonwealth is proposing to continue its current Express Lane renewal process for families, with certain changes to account for implementation of the ACA on January 1, 2014. In addition, the Commonwealth is seeking authority to expand the Express Lane renewal process to childless adults receiving Medicaid benefits with MassHealth-verified income at or below 133 percent FPL and income verified by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program at or below 163 percent FPL.

Medicare Cost Sharing Assistance

For MassHealth Standard disabled or caretaker/parent elderly members at or under 133 percent FPL who are eligible for Medicare, the Commonwealth requests authority to pay the cost of monthly Medicare Part A and Part B premiums and the cost of deductibles and coinsurance under Medicare Part A and Part B.

Early Intervention / Applied Behavioral Analysis for Autism

MassHealth requests continued authority for coverage of enhanced early intervention program services including medically necessary Applied Behavioral Analysis-based treatment services for children with autism spectrum disorders.

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Draft 1115 Demonstration ("Waiver") Renewal Request (as posted for public comment August 20, 2013)

The public-comment period is now open and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013.

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Draft 1115 Demonstration ("Waiver") Amendment Request (As posted for Public Comment May 1, 2013)

From: MA-ACA Update <ma-aca-update@umassmed.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 5:01 PM
To: Tierney, Laxmi (EHS)
Subject: MA-ACA Update

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August 22, 2013

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These Updates, published by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in consultation with the other state agencies involved in ACA implementation, will bring you news related to the implementation of provisions of the ACA here in Massachusetts.

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We encourage you all to attend the stakeholder hearings and submit comments. We look forward to seeing you and receiving your feedback!

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

Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: [Dual Eligibles](#) for information on the **"Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals"** initiative.

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by this court or Section 3.02 of the Regulations or the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are appo...

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD Application for: Transfer of License Date: August 23, 2013 Notice is hereby given, under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Pride Convenience, Inc. DBA Pride, located at 1225 Parker Street, has petitioned the Springfield Board of License Commissioners for a Transfer

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

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LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WORCESTER
August 26, 2013

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws as amended that Tutti Frutti, 121 Gold Star Boulevard has applied to be allowed to have outside seating/hearing on this matter will take place Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Esther Howland Chambers, 3rd floor, City Hall, 435 Main Street.

The License Commission is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-799-1400 x260 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

KARON SHEA
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ANTHONY SALVIO
Board of License Commission



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FLEA MARKETS

ANNUAL MARKET FESTIVAL Flea market, live entertainment, food vendors, raffles, local artists, farmer's market. Join us Sept 7th from date: 9/14 9AM-5PM at 223 Clover St. Worcester. Space and tables still available. Free parking and admission. contact: marketfestival@apachurch.com.

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TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that application has been filed with the Sterling Board of Appeals by Pamela J. McAssay to vary the terms of the Protective By-law of the Town of Sterling with regard to property owned by her and situated on the Easterly side of Wausachum Avenue in said Sterling known as number 20 Wausachum Avenue shown in the Assessors Map Plan Book as Map # 92 Lot # 63 and being zoned Neighborhood Residential and requests a variance to do roof and screen walls to deck.

A hearing will be given on this application in the Mary Ellen Buttrick Municipal Building, 1 Park Street, Sterling on Tuesday, September 10th, 2013 at 6:35 P.M. at which time you may appear either in person or by Agent or your Attorney and present any objection which you may have to the allowance of this application.

A copy of this application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be seen during regular business hours.

William Bird, Chairman
Board of Appeals
Town of Sterling
August 26, September 2, 2013

TOWN OF DOUGLAS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
29 DEPOT STREET, DOUGLAS, MA 01516

LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETING
"REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY"

THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 29 DEPOT STREET, FOR WORK TO BE DONE PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS WETLAND BYLAW AND THE WETLAND PROTECTION ACT, MGL CHAPTER 131, SECTION 40. THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY WORK LOCATION IS SOUTH STREET (POLE #1 - POLE #60), MARTIN ROAD PARK PARKING AREA AND ACCESS DRIVE, DAVIS STREET, NORTHEAST MAIN STREET, WEST STREET, REIDELL ROAD AND 91 MARTIN ROAD (MAP 190, PARCEL 22). AND THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO (1) PAVE SOUTH STREET (POLE #1 - POLE #60) AND PLACE TAILINGS ON MARTIN ROAD PARK PARKING LOT AND ACCESS DRIVE, (2) CRACK SEAL AT DAVIS STREET, NORTHEAST MAIN STREET, WEST STREET & REIDELL ROAD, AND (3) GRADING AT 91 MARTIN ROAD (MAP 190, PARCEL 22) FOR SIGHT LINE DISTANCE FOR CARS EXITING MARTIN ROAD PARK.

August 26, 2013

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. WO13P2571EA

Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Evelyn Nina Schyrinski
Date of Death: 07/04/2013

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Christine J. Silva of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: **Christine J. Silva of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 09/10/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Denise L. Meagher, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 15, 2013.

Stephen G. Abraham, Register of Probate
August 26, 2013

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NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Payment for Services at Newly Operating Psychiatric Hospital Outpatient Departments

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY OF FINAL ACTION:
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 118E, §13A, rates and terms of payment for services rendered by psychiatric hospitals to patients entitled to medical assistance under M.G.L. c. 118E, §1 et seq. are established by contract between the MassHealth program and participating hospitals. This notice describes the methods and standards for the establishment of rates of payment by contract, effective August 27, 2013, for services at newly operating psychiatric hospital outpatient departments that are licensed by the Department of Mental Health and for which historical cost and charge information used to establish standard MassHealth outpatient psychiatric hospital rates is not available. The contract does not cover services provided to patients enrolled with MassHealth's Primary Care Clinician Plan's behavioral health contractor, or with a MassHealth contracted managed care entity.

DESCRIPTION OF METHODS AND STANDARDS
MassHealth utilizes a hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratio for outpatient services, derived from historical cost and charge information filed with the Center for Health Information and Analysis, the successor agency to the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy. For any newly operating psychiatric hospital outpatient department for which historical cost and charge information used to establish standard MassHealth outpatient psychiatric hospital rates is not available, MassHealth pays using the median of the cost-to-charge ratios for the other private psychiatric hospitals in Massachusetts that provide outpatient care. The median cost-to-charge ratio is derived by calculating the midpoint of the six hospitals that provide outpatient services.

The method described herein is projected to result in a \$20.00 increase in annual aggregate expenditures. The actual change in annual aggregate expenditures may vary depending on actual utilization of services. The rate of payment for outpatient services provided by Whittier Psychiatric Hospital, the sole qualifying hospital at this time, is to apply a cost-to-charge ratio of 25.2%.

To request any written comments regarding the matters described in this notice or to request copies of this notice please contact:

Muriel Freeman
MassHealth Office of Behavioral Health
100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor
Quincy, MA 02271

Or by e-mail: Muriel.Freeman@state.ma.us

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. c. 118E:42 USC 1396 Related Regulations: 42 CFR Part 447
August 26, 2013

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David N. Mburu a/k/a David Mburu and Lucy Miru to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 3, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36253, Page 220, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated May 16, 2012 and recorded with said registry on June 4, 2012 at Book 49072 Page 197, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on September 3, 2013, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 South Buftum Street, Unit 15, 15-17 South Buftum Street Condominium, Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

The Unit known as Unit 15 of the 15-17 South Buftum Street Condominium (the "Condominium") in Worcester, Massachusetts, established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated 5/3/2005 and recorded herewith in Book 36253, Page 154, and on the copy of the portion of said plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, to which is affixed the verified statement in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 50% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium described in said Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of:

1. Provisions of said Chapter 183A;
2. The provisions of the Master Deed and the floor plans of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with and as a part of the Master Deed, and the Declaration of Trust, recorded herewith in Book 36253, Page 180 ("Trust"), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time by instruments recorded with said Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his/her employees, mortgagees, tenants, invitees, and visitors as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length herein;
3. Provisions of existing building and zoning laws; and
4. The rights, reservations, and restrictions described in the Master Deed.

5. The limitation that the unit may be used only for residential purposes subject to the zoning by laws of the City of Worcester and the restrictions set forth in the Master Deed.

Subject to rights, easements, and restrictions of record to the extent in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36253, Page 215.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public as-

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Tierney, Laxmi (EHS)

From: Kirchgasser, Alison (EHS)
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2013 3:05 PM
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Good afternoon,

As a follow up to our Tribal Consultation call on July 31, 2013 and our August 2, 2013 email we wanted to notify you that our 1115 Demonstration Extension documents have been posted online and are also available in paper format for comment. Below you will find information on where you can view these documents online as well as information regarding two public hearings that we be held in Boston and Worcester.

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The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) announces its intent to submit a request to extend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration (Demonstration Extension Request) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 30, 2013.

Public Comment Period:

EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Extension Request through September 19, 2013. Written comments may be delivered by email or mail. By email, please send comments to laxmi.tierney@state.ma.us and include "Comments for Demonstration Extension Request" in the subject line. By mail, please send comments to: Laxmi Tierney, EOHHS Office of Medicaid, One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Comments must be received by 5pm on September 19, 2013 in order to be considered.

EOHHS will host two Stakeholder Meetings open to the public on the proposed Demonstration Extension Request. The meeting details are as follows:

Stakeholder Meeting #1, in conjunction with a meeting of the MassHealth Medical Care Advisory Committee and the MassHealth Payment Policy Advisory Board:

Date: Tuesday, August 27
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA

Stakeholder Meeting #2:

Date: Thursday, August 29
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA

The Demonstration Extension Request documents may be obtained on the MassHealth 1115 Demonstration website: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/masshealth-and-health-care-reform.html>. Additional updates and final submissions to CMS will also be posted on this website. Paper copies of the documents may be obtained in person by request from 9am-5pm at EOHS, One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

Background:

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The Commonwealth's Demonstration Extension Request outlines the specific authorities being requested from CMS from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019 to sustain and improve upon the gains in coverage, affordability and access to health care achieved to date under the Demonstration.

The MassHealth 1115 Demonstration has been a key element in the Commonwealth's achievement of near-universal coverage since the enactment of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006. Now, as required by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and recent state legislation (Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012), the next phase of health care reform focuses on cost containment and delivery system reforms. MassHealth is well positioned to continue its leadership role in these areas by advancing alternative payment methodologies and delivery system transformation including medical homes and integrated care for high risk populations. To meet the 1115 Demonstration's goals and gain additional benefits through reform, the Commonwealth's partnership with CMS through the Demonstration remains central to the Demonstration's continued success. The Demonstration Extension Request affects eligibility, benefits, payment methodologies and delivery systems, as well as changes to expenditure authorities under the Demonstration.

Summary of Requested Changes to the Demonstration:

Five-Year Renewal Term and the One Care Integrated Care Model

A five-year renewal term, as authorized by the Social Security Act, will support the full implementation of the Commonwealth's Duals Demonstration and its integrated care model known as One Care, which provides coverage for individuals under age 65 who are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. The Duals Demonstration and the 1115 Demonstration are closely interrelated and provide complementary authorities that enable the Commonwealth's efforts to institute a fully integrated and fully capitated delivery model for disabled members. Massachusetts aims to learn from the Duals Demonstration and explore expanding the One Care model to non-dual eligible disabled members through the 1115 Demonstration in future years.

Advancing Alternative Payment Models

MassHealth's new Primary Care Payment Reform Initiative (PCPRI) is the primary vehicle to transition MassHealth members to alternative payment methodologies, as required by Chapter 224, the Commonwealth's pioneering 2012 payment reform and cost containment legislation. To transform health care delivery and payment through

the PCPRI, the Commonwealth requests authority to set shared savings / risk targets for providers and to make shared savings payments or, as applicable, recoup payments to providers under alternative payment arrangements involving shared risk. This authority will establish the basis for the Commonwealth to fully implement both the PCPRI and an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model currently in development. With PCPRI as its foundation, MassHealth would consider making three key changes to the future ACO model: shifting the contracting entity from a Primary Care Clinician (PCC) to an ACO; adjusting the payment model to encourage providers to take on higher levels of risk; and modifying quality metrics and delivery model requirements to extend beyond a medical home to a "medical neighborhood."

Pediatric Asthma Pilot Program

The Commonwealth requests continued authority to implement a Pediatric Asthma Pilot Program for MassHealth members aged two through 18 with high risk or poorly controlled asthma who are enrolled in selected PCC Plan practices.

Safety Net Care Pool

The Commonwealth requests the following authorities for the Safety Net Care Pool:

1. Elimination of the Provider Sub-Cap;
2. Continued expenditure authority for existing Designated State Health Programs and new authority for additional programs, including:
 - State-supported subsidies for individuals with incomes up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who enroll in health insurance through the Health Connector; and
 - New state health programs associated with Chapter 224 and related efforts to advance Massachusetts' ambitious health care reform and cost containment agenda;
3. Continued authority for the Delivery System Transformation Initiatives;
4. Continued authority for supplemental payments to Cambridge Health Alliance; and
5. Continued authority for the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grants program.

Express Lane Renewal

The Commonwealth is proposing to continue its current Express Lane renewal process for families, with certain changes to account for implementation of the ACA on January 1, 2014. In addition, the Commonwealth is seeking authority to expand the Express Lane renewal process to childless adults receiving Medicaid benefits with MassHealth-verified income at or below 133 percent FPL and income verified by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program at or below 163 percent FPL.

Medicare Cost Sharing Assistance

For MassHealth Standard disabled or caretaker/parent elderly members at or under 133 percent FPL who are eligible for Medicare, the Commonwealth requests authority to pay the cost of monthly Medicare Part A and Part B premiums and the cost of deductibles and coinsurance under Medicare Part A and Part B.

Early Intervention / Applied Behavioral Analysis for Autism

MassHealth requests continued authority for coverage of enhanced early intervention program services including medically necessary Applied Behavioral Analysis-based treatment services for children with autism spectrum disorders.

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