

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth Payment Methodology for Nonpublic Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)

EOHHS intends to amend its Medicaid State Plan and applicable regulations at 101 CMR 327.00: *Rates for Ambulance and Wheelchair Van Services* to adjust the supplemental payment methodology for nonpublic ambulance providers.

The proposed changes will replace the average commercial rate percentage listed in the Massachusetts state plan with the percentage of the total supplementary payments intended for each ambulance classification type. This reflects that the distribution factor percentage for differing nonpublic ambulance supplemental payments will be set by classification type, rather than at a provider level. These changes are intended to take effect in the 3rd quarter of the state fiscal year 2024. To be eligible for this supplemental payment, an ambulance provider must be nongovernmental, licensed by the department of public health under section 6 of chapter 111C of the Massachusetts General Laws, and enrolled as an ambulance provider for the Massachusetts Medicaid program (“MassHealth”).

EOHHS is making changes to accurately reflect its intended payment methodology for nonpublic ambulance supplemental payments. The changes are intended to increase MassHealth members’ access to medical services, and further the sustainability of services provided by nonpublic ambulance providers. The changes are not projected to change annual aggregate MassHealth fee-for-service expenditures. EOHHS anticipates that it will make approximately \$27 million in nonpublic ambulance supplemental payments for state fiscal year 2024.

Individuals may submit written comments by emailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us by February 20, 2024. Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with “Nonpublic Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program” in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. Individuals unable to submit comments by email should mail written comments to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock St, 6th Fl, Quincy, MA 02171. Copies of the proposed changes will be available at EOHHS or may be viewed at www.mass.gov/servicedetails/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-notice.

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