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**Filing Guidance Notice 2024-E**  
**Health Care Access Bureau**

**TO:** Commercial Insurance Companies, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., and Health Maintenance Organizations (collectively, "Carriers")

**FROM:** Kevin Beagan, Deputy Commissioner of the Health Care Access Bureau

**DATE:** May 1, 2024

**RE:** 2025 Assessment Calculations within Rate Filings Required under M.G.L. c. 176J ("Merged Market Plans")

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This notice provides guidance to Carriers offering 2025 health benefit plans within the Massachusetts Merged Market regarding the submission of merged market rate filings with the Massachusetts Division of Insurance ("Division") as required under 211 CMR 66.00.

**Content of Rate Filings**

Carriers shall provide 2025 assessment projections for the Health Safety Net, Pediatric Immunization Program, Behavioral Health Trust Fund, Center for Health Information and Analysis, Health Policy Commission, and Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program within their rate filings for Merged Market Plans, which are due to be submitted on or before May 15, 2024. Within those rate filings, Carriers are expected to base their assessment projections on the methodology presented within the Governor's General Appropriation Bill.<sup>1</sup> Carriers should include a projected total assessment of \$8.76 per member per month ("PMPM") for these specific programs. During the review process, the Division may request that Carriers provide supplemental information to explain the derivation of all assessment projections.

If you have any questions regarding this Filing Guidance Notice, please contact Kevin Beagan, Deputy Commissioner of the Health Care Access Bureau, at [kevin.beagan@mass.gov](mailto:kevin.beagan@mass.gov) or at 617-521-7323.

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<sup>1</sup> As identified in Sections 4, 5, 16, 17, 55, 63 – 66, 68, 69, 71, 72, 83, 101 – 104, 111, 113, and 114 of House Bill 2: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H2>.