

**Fact Sheet: MassHealth's Requested 1115 Demonstration Amendment
Supports Health Equity and Universal Coverage**

October 2024

On October 11, 2024, the Healey-Driscoll Administration posted for public comment a proposal to amend Massachusetts' Section 1115 Demonstration ("1115 Demonstration"). The amendment proposes additional innovative flexibilities under the 1115 Demonstration that was approved on September 28, 2022.

The Massachusetts 1115 Demonstration, currently approved through December 31, 2027, has long supported the Commonwealth's commitment to universal health care coverage and has provided federal authority to test innovations in payment and care delivery. The posted amendment aims to advance health equity by expanding coverage and further addressing members' health-related social needs.

MassHealth intends to request authority through this amendment to implement the following changes:

- ***Coverage of Expanded and Additional Services for Members Enrolled in One Care and Senior Care Options (SCO) Plans***

- MassHealth is seeking expenditure authority to continue covering the additional community-based and flexible benefit services for MassHealth members enrolled in One Care, and, as applicable, to provide comparable services for MassHealth members enrolled in SCO. These additional services include services to address health related social needs; independent community living services; and flexible benefits to promote independent living or recovery, positively impact member outcomes or address barriers to achieving goals in the enrollee's care plan.

- ***Enrollment Flexibilities for Integrated Care Programs***

- MassHealth is seeking expenditure authority to make capitation payments to One Care and SCO plans during partial eligibility months.
- In anticipation of the transition for One Care from Duals Demonstration authority to a Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE) Special Needs Plans (SNPs) structure, MassHealth seeks to allow CommonHealth members ages 65 and older to elect SCO as their delivery system for Medicaid coverage.

Public Comment Period:

EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed amendment through 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2024. Written comments may be delivered by email or mail. By email, please send comments to 1115WaiverComments@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, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Comments must be received by November 12, 2024, in order to be considered.

The amendment documents may be obtained on the MassHealth website: [1115 MassHealth Demonstration \("Waiver"\) | Mass.gov](#). Additional updates and final submissions to CMS will also be posted on this website.

EOHHS will host a public listening session (both in person and virtually) to hear public comments on the

Demonstration Amendment. Stakeholders are invited to review the Demonstration Amendment in advance and share with EOHHS staff at the listening session any input and feedback, or questions for future clarification. The listening session is scheduled as follows.

Date: October 23, 2024

Time: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Meeting Location: One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, 2nd Floor

Meeting Link: <https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/94314751050?pwd=POwYqn6KhxtxIBcZYpxZYNVtN1YQJp.1>

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Reasonable Accommodation: If you require an ADA accommodation for either the in-person or virtual option, please contact 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov.