

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Notice of Submission of a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration

AGENCY: Massachusetts 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 Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration provides federal authority for Massachusetts to expand eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (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 Demonstration Amendment Request outlines the specific authorities being requested from CMS, including the authority to 1) Require One Care and SCO plans to cover certain expanded and additional services that enable members with disabilities and older adults to live successfully in the community; 2) Implement certain enrollment flexibilities to ensure maximum possible alignment with Medicare enrollments and to prevent or minimize disruption of a member's managed care enrollment; and 3) Permit eligible individuals with MassHealth CommonHealth to enroll in SCO when they otherwise meet SCO participation requirements

Public Comment Period: EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Amendment (collectively the "proposed Amendment") through November 12, 2024. The proposed Amendment Request, details on where to submit comments, and additional relevant information are available at www.mass.gov/info-details/1115-masshealth-demonstration-waiver.

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:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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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.