

Notice of Agency Action

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Amendment to the Standard and CarePlus Alternative Benefit State Plans (Doula Services)

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Background

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has determined that certain conforming amendments to its Standard and CarePlus alternative benefit state plans (ABP state plans) are warranted.

EOHHS is adding coverage of doula services. This change aligns with various state regulatory changes. EOHHS is making conforming changes in the ABP state plans to add this coverage under these plans as well.

Early and Period Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services Consultation

The amendments will not affect how MassHealth provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. EOHHS has followed the tribal consultation noticing process established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and set forth in its approved state plan.

Public Notice

EOHHS will hold a public comment period until December 21, 2023, about these ABP state plan amendments. You can submit written comments by emailing ehs-regulations@mass.gov.

Please email comments as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email, with the phrase “ABP Doula Services” in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and email address.

Individuals who cannot send comments by email should mail written comments to:

EOHHS, c/o Debby Briggs
100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor
Quincy, MA 02171

To be considered, written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2023.

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