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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Amendment to the Standard and CarePlus Alternative Benefit State Plans

(OLP: Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family

Therapist)

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 adjusting the ABP state plan language to include Licensed Mental Health Counselors and Licensed Family Therapists as Other Licensed Practitioners (OLP) to provide case consultation and family consultation, diagnostic service evaluation, individual therapy, couple therapy, family therapy, and group therapy.

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 June 26, 2025, about these ABP state plan amendments. You can submit written comments by emailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us.

Please email comments as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email, with the phrase "ABP Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist" 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 June 26, 2025.

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