

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth Payment Methodology for Nonpublic Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)

EOHHS intends to amend its Medicaid State Plan and applicable regulations at 101 CMR 327.000 to adjust the supplemental payment methodology for nonpublic ambulance providers to reflect differing payment rates depending on EMS regions and classifications of nonpublic ambulance providers (for-profit, non-profit hospital affiliated; and other non-profit). These changes are intended to take effect in the first quarter of the state fiscal year 2024. To be eligible for this supplemental payment, an ambulance provider must be nongovernmental, licensed by the department of public health under section 6 of chapter 111C of the Massachusetts General Laws, and enrolled as a provider for the Massachusetts Medicaid program (“MassHealth”).

EOHHS is making changes to increase MassHealth members’ access to medical services, and further the sustainability of services provided by nonpublic ambulance providers. These supplemental payments will be based on nonpublic ambulance service providers’ Medicaid fee-for-service emergency and nonemergency transports. The changes are not projected to change annual aggregate MassHealth fee-for-service expenditures.

The payments to eligible non-public ambulance providers described above shall not exceed the sum of the difference between the Medicaid payments otherwise made to these providers for the provision of ambulance services and the amount that would have been paid at the equivalent average commercial rate, as determined by EOHHS. They will be paid periodically, after the end of each quarter of relevant utilization.

Individuals may submit written comments by emailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with “Nonpublic Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program” in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. Individuals unable to submit comments by email should mail written comments to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock St, 6th Fl, Quincy, MA 02171. Copies of the proposed changes will be available at EOHHS or may be viewed at <https://www.mass.gov/servicedetails/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-notice>. EOHHS will also hold a public hearing regarding these changes, and will post the location, date, and time of the public hearing to the above website.

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