Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a remote public hearing will be held on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 1 p.m. relative to the emergency adoption of:

101 CMR 310.00: Rates for Adult Day Health Services and 101 CMR 348.00: Rates for Day Habilitation Services

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is promulgating these amendments pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, which requires EOHHS to establish, by regulation, rates for health care services provided by efficient and economically operated providers.

The amendments to 101 CMR 310.00 update the rates for adult day health services by re-basing the costs to FY2020 costs and adding a two-year prospective cost adjustment factor. The estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures of these amendments is \$31.0M.

The amendments to 101 CMR 348.00 increase the rates for day habilitation services by updating the staff salaries and tax and fringe benefits factors in the model budgets and applying a two-year prospective cost adjustment factor. The estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures of these amendments is \$37.3M.

The regulations went into effect as emergencies on July 1, 2022. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to ehs-regulations@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the emergency regulation, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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EOHHS may adopt a final, revised version of the emergency regulation taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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