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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN STATEWIDE METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR SETTING PAYMENT RATES**

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Rates for MassHealth Group Adult Foster Care Services

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: MassHealth Proposed Rate Change for Certain Adult Foster Care Services Effective September 20, 2024

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES:

The following are proposed changes to rates for MassHealth group adult foster care (GAFC) services effective for dates of service provided on or after September 20, 2024. A proposed amendment to the regulation at 101 CMR 351.00: *Rates for Certain Adult Foster Care Services* increases the current per diem rate for GAFC by 14.86%, from \$43.53 to \$50. This rate increase is proposed in response to provider feedback and the fiscal health of the provider network based on the profitability analysis of the reported FY 2022 cost data. Based on the cost report analysis, EOHHS considers the proposed per diem rate of \$50 adequate to ensure the provider network's fiscal stability and the provision of quality GAFC services, and in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13C, which requires rates for health care services be "adequate to meet the costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities providing care and services in conformity with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and quality and safety standards and which are within the financial capacity of the commonwealth."

The estimated annual aggregate expenditures of the proposed amendment to the GAFC rates effective on the date noted above is an increase of \$8.4 million, or 14.86%, relative to the base spending of \$56.7 million.

Individuals may submit written comments, or request a copy of any notices or written comments, concerning the matters herein by emailing ehs-regulations@mass.gov. Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the phrase "MassHealth Changes in Rates for AFC Services" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and affiliation or organization, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit comments or request a copy of any notices or written copies by email should mail written comments or requests to EOHHS, c/o Debby Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 8th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.