

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of Medicaid**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of amendments to:

**101 CMR 613.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services**

**and**

**101 CMR 614.00: Health Safety Net Payments and Funding**

The proposed amendments to 101 CMR 613.00 update the credit and collection policy requirements for all Health Safety Net (HSN) acute hospitals, update HSN eligible services for professional services at authorized pharmacies, and make technical changes to clarify existing HSN eligibility policies.

The proposed amendments to 101 CMR 614.00 update the HSN payment methodology for Medical Hardship claims; define mental health visits for community health centers; update HSN billing rules for ordering, referring, and prescribing services; revise the HSN payment methodology for same day visits for community health centers; clarify the existing payment methodology for community health center secondary and Medical Hardship claims; and clarify the payment methodology for acute hospitals when MassHealth is a primary payer on an HSN secondary claim.

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than October 1, 2019. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at [www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings). Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing [ehs-regulations@state.ma.us](mailto:ehs-regulations@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2019.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to [www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings)

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

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