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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Mental Health is proposing regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 19, ss. 1, 16 and 18. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving written and oral testimony on its proposed actions. The Department describes the substance of the actions as follows:

The Department of Mental Health will be holding a virtual Public Hearing on June 14, 2022 to receive oral and written comments on proposed regulatory changes to **104 CMR 28.00 Licensing and Operational Standards for Community Services**. The primary purpose of the proposed amendment is the insertion of a new Subpart C which sets for licensing requirements for a new level of care, Community Crisis Stabilization (CCS), that has been developed by DMH and MassHealth. CCS is part of the restructured 24/7 community-based crisis intervention services that is an integral component of the Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) Programs currently being procured to benefit MassHealth members. CBHCs will serve as hubs of coordinated and integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment for MassHealth members of all ages and will provide routine and urgent outpatient services, crisis services for adults and youth, and community crisis stabilization services for adults and youth. The proposed amendments also update provisions for prevention of restraint, increased attention to needs of a diverse population of persons served and several technical amendments.

PUBLIC HEARING

A virtual Public Hearing will be conducted by the Department of Mental Health on
June 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS

If you want to testify at the hearing, please register by sending an email to:

DMH-regulations@state.ma.us.

Join Zoom Meeting

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY can be submitted instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony or comments, email your testimony to: DMH-regulations@state.ma.us 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 or comments 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: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Mental Health, 25 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114. Written testimony/comments must be received **NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2022. COMMENT PERIOD ENDS ON JUNE 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.**

INFORMATION: The proposed regulations are posted on the DMH website and can be viewed at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dmh-proposed-regulations> or request a copy in writing from DMH Regulations, 25 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114 or email: DMH-regulations@state.ma.us. DMH may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

ACCOMMODATION: If you plan to participate the public hearing and wish to request the accommodation of a sign language or other interpreter, contact DMH Legal office by calling 617-626-8236 or by email: DMH-regulations@state.ma.us at least 14 days in advance of the hearing date.

By Order of the Department of Mental Health
Brooke Doyle, Commissioner
April 27, 2022