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September 16, 2024

Secretary of the Commonwealth
McCormack Building
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: **Notice of Public Hearing**
Executive Office of Veterans' Services – 108 CMR 10.22 – Medical Care Regulation
– Psychiatric Care

Dear Secretary Galvin,

Pursuant to any statutory and regulatory requirements, please find the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing regarding Regulations the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans' Services ("EOVS") has promulgated a change in the existing regulation 108 CMR 10.22. This is required pursuant to Section 72 of an Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act) (Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024), which changes M.G.L. Chapter 115 Section 2. The existing regulation says we cannot reimburse for mental health treatment, while the HERO Act says that we must.

The proposed citation for said Regulations is **108 CMR 10.22: Medical Care- Psychiatric Care**. The proposed Regulations are authorized by Section 72 of An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act) and M.G.L. c. 115, § 2.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services ("EOVS") will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments in connection with the proposed Regulations at 108 CMR 10.22: Medical Care – Psychiatric Care. The Regulation proposes a change in the existing regulation 108 CMR 10.22. This is required pursuant to Section 72 of an Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act) (Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024), which changes M.G.L. Chapter 115 Section 2. The existing regulation says we cannot reimburse for mental health treatment, while the HERO Act says that we must.

EOVS will hold this public hearing remotely on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams at the following link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OT4MTE1ZTYtZGY4NS00OGQ0LWI3ODItOWQ0MjQ4ZWJhNjM2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ce9ffe53-8cfa-4b3b-b55c-9aab7d137205%22%7d

or Meeting ID: 284 216 415 606

Passcode: T55tbg

A copy of the proposed Regulations referenced above may be viewed by visiting [Notice of Public Hearing Executive Office of Veterans' Services – 108 CMR 10.22 – Medical Care Regulation – Psychiatric Care | Mass.gov](#). Any person who would like to offer comments may participate in the public hearing at the date and time indicated above or submit written comments. Those who wish to receive a written copy of the proposed Regulations, or to submit written comments, may do so by sending an email to jenna.buonopane5@mass.gov or by mail to:

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Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2024.

Attached please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2.