Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold a remote public hearing Thursday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m. on the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 313.00: Rates for Freestanding Clinics Providing Abortion and Sterilization Services

The proposed regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2027.

The proposed amendments extend the effective date of 101 CMR 313.00 to May 1, 2027, with no changes to the current rates. EOHHS has reviewed the rates established in 101 CMR 313.00 and concludes that the current rates are 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, including M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13C, and quality and safety standards, and are within the financial capacity of the Commonwealth.

EOHHS is proposing these changes, subject to federal approval, to ensure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. 118E, Sections 13C and 13D. There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns. The proposed amendments are not anticipated to impose new costs on small businesses, and any impact on small business providers will vary based on the volume of services provided.

Register to testify and get instructions to join the hearing online at mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. You can join by phone at (646) 558-8656. The meeting ID is 935 397 8200#.

You can submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. Submit written testimony to ehs-regulations@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email. Put 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. You can also mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. November 19, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments on

how the amendments may affect member access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

You can review the current draft of the proposed regulation at mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. You can also request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Email the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov to make special accommodation requests. You can also call (617) 847-3468, TTY: (617) 847-3788. Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation after considering relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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