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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, May 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 6112, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy MA, relative to the adoption of proposed amendments to:

101 CMR 422.00: Rates for General Programs – Disability Services

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D (f/k/a Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), EOHHS is required to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this statutory requirement, the proposed amendment to 101 CMR 422.00 establishes the rates for brain injury site- and community-based services. These services are purchased by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and provide support, opportunities, and rehabilitation services with a focus on fostering abilities rather than disabilities.

The proposed amended regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020. 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 are strongly encouraged to 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. Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing 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, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020.

Due to the coronavirus emergency, EOHHS may need to hold this public hearing remotely on the date and time specified above, and will post that announcement on its website at www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. In that situation, to join the remote hearing online, go to <https://statema.webex.com>, and enter meeting ID 644 151 469. To join the remote hearing by phone, call (866) 692-3580, and enter meeting ID 644 151 469# when prompted. As an alternative to attending the remote hearing, you can view an unofficial live written recording of the hearing in progress provided by



the Communication Access Realtime Transcription (CART) service at <https://hricart.1capapp.com/event/eohhs>.

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 or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at ADAaccommodations@state.ma.us or by phone at (617) 847-3468 (TTY: (617) 847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

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.

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

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