

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Medicaid**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, section 16 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a remote public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of:

130 CMR 418.000: Substance Abuse Treatment Services

The proposed amendments to 130 CMR 418.000 amend and update the language and requirements for substance abuse treatment services for enrolled MassHealth providers. These amendments are being proposed with an effective date of January 1, 2023, to align with the concurrent promulgation of amendments to the rates for substance use disorder services (101 CMR 444.00: *Rates for Certain Substance Use Disorder Services*)

The proposed amendments for substance abuse treatment services: 1) Clarify and update current definitions to reflect programmatic and industry expectations; 2) Amend opioid treatment program requirements and constructs; 3) Amend provider eligibility, enrollment, and revocation processes; notices and reports; site visits; and recordkeeping requirements to clarify language and reflect program integrity principles; 4) Amend the scope of services to align with American Society of Addiction Medicine principles, and delineate services concepts, including the addition of Structured Outpatient Addiction Programs, and Enhanced Structured Outpatient Addiction Programs; 5) Amend individualized treatment services into a two-tiered system aligned with combined Acute Treatment Services/Clinical Stabilization Services requirements; 6) Amend the staff composition requirements to outline minimum staff requirements and personnel qualifications; 7) Clarify the supervision and staff requirements; and 8) Clarify and update language throughout the regulations to reflect programmatic and industry expectations.

MassHealth is proposing these amendments to ensure that regulations reflect current industry terms and practice for substance abuse treatment providers and to improve substance abuse treatment services for MassHealth members.

The proposed amendments are planned to go into effect on January 1, 2023.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email it to masshealthpublicnotice@mass.gov 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 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 D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2022. The Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the current draft of the proposed actions, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov 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.

The Division 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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