

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Medical Assistance**

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, the Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) will hold a remote public hearing on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of regulations implementing the Coordinating Aligned, Relationship-centered, Enhanced Support (CARES) for Kids Program Services:

130 CMR 405.000: Community Health Center Services
130 CMR 410.000: Outpatient Hospital Services, and
130 CMR 433.000: Physician Services

The proposed amendments to 130 CMR 405, 410, and 433 will establish the language and requirements for a new Targeted Case Management (TCM) benefit service for the highest risk children and youth with medical complexities for enrolled MassHealth providers. These amendments are being proposed with an effective date of July 5, 2023, to align with amendments to the rates for 101 CMR 317.00: *Rates for Medicine Services*.

The proposed amendments for CARES program services: 1) Set forth the requirements for an entity's enrollment as a MassHealth CARES provider; 2) Define and clarify the staffing requirements of the CARES team; 3) Define and clarify the service delivery requirements for the CARES program services; 4) Define and clarify the member eligibility requirements for the receipt of these services; and 5) Define and clarify the operational expectations.

MassHealth is proposing these amendments to create a new TCM benefit to improve intensive support in care planning and coordination of services for eligible medically complex MassHealth members younger than 21 years of age.

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 January 27, 2023. 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.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings.

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