

**Division of Medical Assistance**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Office of Medicaid**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under 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 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

**130 CMR 408.000: Adult Foster Care**

The proposed changes to the program regulations at 130 CMR 408.000 include:

- The addition of a caregiver stipend floor requirement as part of adult foster care (AFC) provider eligibility;
- The revision of the requirement for AFC and group AFC staff to obtain a pre-employment and ongoing physical examination and tuberculosis screenings to be restricted only to the AFC caregiver and GAFC direct care aide plus the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, care manager, and AFC community support specialist.
- Technical and clarification edits.

These amendments are intended to be effective no earlier than April 12, 2024. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

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](http://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 your testimony to [masshealthpublicnotice@mass.gov](mailto: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 EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024. The Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the current draft of the proposed regulation, go to [www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings) or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation 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](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-public-hearings).

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