

**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 on October 9, 2024, at 1 p.m. relative to the proposed adoption of the following new rate regulation:

**101 CMR 321.00: Rates for Homeless Medical Respite Services**

The proposed new regulation is effective for dates of service on or after January 3, 2025.

Through the proposed new rate regulation, 101 CMR 321.00, EOHHS proposes to establish per diem rates of \$255.44 for homeless medical respite services. The per diem rate of \$255.44 was developed based on a model budget that included costs for direct care staff wages and fringe benefits, administrative staff wages and fringe benefits, and non-staff program costs such as member meals, staff training, supplies, and member transportation.

EOHHS is proposing the new rate regulation, 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. The estimated aggregate annual spending is \$443,000 in CY2025 and \$676,000 annually thereafter beginning in CY2026. The actual annualized expenditures may vary depending on actual utilization of services. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

MassHealth will hold a separate hearing for the new program regulations, 130 CMR 458.000: *Homeless Medical Respite Services* and has issued a separate notice for such hearing.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to [www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-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 [ehs-regulations@mass.gov](mailto:ehs-regulations@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 October 9, 2024. EOHHS specifically invites

comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

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

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at [ADAAccommodations@mass.gov](mailto: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.

EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulations, 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/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings).

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