

**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 March 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

**101 CMR 305.00: RATES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTERS**

**Summary of Proposed Regulation**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is required to establish and periodically review the rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of noninstitutional healthcare services, including community behavioral health center (CBHC) services provided under the MassHealth program.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 4, 2025, the proposed amendments 1) expand the definition of youth community crisis stabilization (YCCS) to include independently enrolled providers of YCCS services; 2) maintain current rates for the CBHC encounter bundle rate, YCCS, adult mobile crisis intervention (AMCI), and youth mobile crisis intervention (YMCI); 3) increase the adult community crisis stabilization (ACCS) per diem rate from \$632.05 to \$673.22; 4) remove the specialty rate for YMCI services at an emergency department site of service and the corresponding reference to 101 CMR 352.00: *Rates for Certain Children's Behavioral Health Services*; 5) remove the specialty rate for AMCI services at an emergency department site of service; 6) refer to 101 CMR 306.00: *Rates for Mental Health Services Provided in Community Health Centers and Mental Health Centers* for the rate for certified peer specialist services provided by CBHCs and paid outside the encounter bundle rate; 7) refer to 101 CMR 444.00: *Rates for Certain Substance Use Disorder Services* for the rates for enhanced structured outpatient addiction program (E-SOAP) and structured outpatient addiction program (SOAP) services provided by the CBHC and paid outside the encounter bundle rate; 8) establish new reporting requirements for providers paid by governmental units for CBHC services to submit an annual Uniform Financial Report and Independent Auditor's Report (UFR); and 9) reflect updated terminology and current policy.

EOHHS is proposing these amendments, subject to federal approval, to ensure that payment rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care, and to satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. 118E, sections 13C and 13D. It is estimated that annual aggregate fiscal impact of the proposed amendments on the fee-for-service (FFS) MassHealth expenditure results in a savings of \$418,000. The actual change in annualized expenditures may vary depending on actual utilization of services. 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/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 March 21, 2025. EOHHS 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/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.

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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 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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