

**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, April 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

**130 CMR 429.000: Mental Health Center Services**

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than August 1, 2025. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

130 CMR 429.000 sets forth program requirements and conditions of payment for providers of mental health center services enrolled with MassHealth. These amendments are being proposed with an effective date of August 1, 2025, to align with the concurrent promulgation of amendments to the rates for mental health center providers.

The proposed regulation for providers of mental health centers

- 1) updates certain provisions to reflect program integrity principles and standards of care;
- 2) updates certain provisions to establish additional requirements for providers designated as behavioral health urgent care (BHUC) providers, including eligibility, required and optional services, induction requirements, and extended availability schedule of operations;
- 3) updates staff composition requirements to include care coordination staff and developmental assessments;
- 4) updates cadence for Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) reassessments; and
- 5) updates the services limitations sections to include developmental assessments and to reflect the establishment of encounter bundled rates for BHUC services.

The Division is required to establish regulations for all MassHealth providers, including the services covered by this regulation.

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/masshealth-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/info-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, April 4, 2025. 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/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-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). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

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/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings).

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