

**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 Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 352.00: Rates for Certain Children’s Behavioral Health Services

Summary of Proposed Regulation

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, EOHHS is required to establish and periodically review the rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of noninstitutional healthcare services, including certain children’s behavioral health services provided under the MassHealth program.

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2025, the proposed amendments increase the rates for seven existing children’s behavioral health services established in 101 CMR 352.00 by updating the corresponding rate models utilizing appropriate inputs from two data sources: provider salaries from May 2023 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) salary data for Massachusetts, and other expenses primarily from FY 2023 Uniform Financial Reports (UFRs). EOHHS also proposes to establish a new service, Family-based Intensive Treatment (FIT), and set its weekly rate at \$1,115.05, which is calculated based on a model budget patterned after the intensive care coordination (ICC)-family support and training (FS&T) model budget, with appropriate adjustments. In addition, EOHHS proposes to remove the current rates established in 101 CMR 352.00 for mobile crisis intervention services provided in a hospital emergency department (H2011-HN and H2011-HO), as these services are now provided by acute hospitals and paid for by MassHealth directly to acute hospitals.

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. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on fee-for-service (FFS) MassHealth spending for the proposed amendments as there is no current FFS utilization of the services receiving increases or being established. 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-

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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 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, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. 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 or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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