

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, July 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 506.000: MassHealth: Financial Requirements

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

MassHealth is proposing the following amendments to 130 CMR 506.

- Premium Assistance Reimbursement: Stop adjusting Premium Assistance reimbursements.
- State Intercept: Stop using state intercept to recoup unpaid premiums.
- Premium Billing: Eliminate the lock-out period for former members with an unpaid premium balance. MassHealth will also remove premium billing tables and required member contribution tables from the regulations and publish online annually, based on changes to the Federal Poverty Level increases.
- Premium Billing Hardship: Eliminate the provision found at 130 CMR 506.011 (G)(1)(e) related to CommonHealth members.
- CMSP Premiums: Eliminate premiums for the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) under 300% FPL, in alignment with the FY25 Budget.
- CommonHealth: CommonHealth members younger than 65 are no longer required to work or meet a one-time deductible.
- Severability: To align with other MassHealth regulations (rate regulations under 101 CMR), we are adding a severability clause to the end of the 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. 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 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 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 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 or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at 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.

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.

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