

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 October 3, 2025, at 2 p.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 456.000: Long Term Care Services

The regulation went into effect as an emergency on September 8, 2025. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The amendments to 130 CMR 456.000 update EOHHS enrollment policy for newly enrolling nursing facilities that have undergone a change of ownership.

The new policy allows facilities that are newly enrolling in MassHealth after a change of ownership to conditionally enroll while their Medicare certification is still pending, as long as certain criteria are met. The facility's conditional enrollment will become full enrollment when the facility's Medicare certification is completed. If the facility does not receive Medicare certification within nine months of the conditional enrollment, MassHealth payments will be suspended until such time as the Medicare certification is complete.

The amendments also eliminate the fixed June 1 deadline for annual Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) accounting reports. Instead, EOHHS will issue an administrative bulletin specifying the deadline and requirements for the annual submission.

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 p.m. on October 3, 2025. The

Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the emergency 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 final, revised version of the emergency 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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