

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 October 3, 2025, at 12 p.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 408.000: Adult Foster Care

The regulation went into effect as an emergency on September 12, 2025. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing an emergency amendment to regulation 130 CMR 408.000. AFC/GAFC services provide MassHealth members with assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), as well as nursing oversight and care management of the personal care provided by the AFC caregiver/GAFC Direct Care Aide, which are overseen by a Provider Agency. The proposed amendment adds a provider eligibility requirement stating that, at the time of accreditation or re-accreditation, the provider must be delivering services to at least eight (8) individuals. The purpose of this amendment is to promote quality by ensuring that Adult Foster Care (AFC) and Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) providers are of a sufficient size to effectively deliver AFC/GAFC services. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendment is on or after September 12, 2025.

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 by 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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