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 11:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 508.000: MassHealth: Managed Care Requirements

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The proposed updates to the 130 CMR 508 MassHealth Managed care regulations align the regulation with Section 45 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025; replace outdated terminology related to One Care Plans and Senior Care Options Plans (SCO) with updated terminology; update eligibility categories for One Care and SCO Plans; update copayment requirements for MassHealth managed care members to align with previous regulation changes for fee-for-service members; clarify requirements for members transferring managed care plans; remove requirement for members who participate in certain home and community based waivers to enroll with the behavioral health contractor; update provision related to fair hearings; shorten the time period available for plans to render standard service authorization decisions, consistent with 42 CFR 438.210; add a severability clause; and make other wording updates.

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 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 Friday, October 3, 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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