

**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 Friday, October 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 327.00: Rates for Ambulance and Wheelchair Van Services

The regulation is going into effect as an emergency on September 26, 2025. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The proposed changes update distribution percentages for nonpublic ambulance supplemental payments, as set out in 101 CMR 327.05(5)(a) (for example, changing the percentage distributed to providers in a particular region).

Updates will reflect changes to providers within each classification type (for example, an ambulance provider changes its headquarter site or goes out of business or providers in a particular region increase ambulance transportation), and will also remove the no region/multi-region category so that each provider is in a single region, as defined by the Department of Public Health (DPH) Office of Emergency Medical Services. These changes are intended to take effect the first quarter of the state fiscal year 2026.

The changes are intended to increase MassHealth members' access to medical services and sustain services provided by nonpublic ambulance providers. EOHHS anticipates that it will make approximately \$39.61 million in nonpublic ambulance supplemental payments for state fiscal year 2026. This is \$5.61 million higher than the amount in MassHealth's most recently submitted state plan amendment for state fiscal year 2026.

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-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 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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To review the emergency 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.

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). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

EOHHS 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/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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