

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, April 3, 2026, at 2 p.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 403.000: *Home Health Agency*

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

The following amendments are proposed for 130 CMR 403.000.

- Add a new additional home health service, Home Health Agency Value Based Payment (VBP) Service, available to members who meet certain eligibility criteria and who are receiving services through a contracted Home Health Agency VBP Service Provider. Participating agencies will provide a bundle of services reimbursable on a per member per month basis. The proposed additional service does not change or affect existing home health agency services.
- Add service-specific Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements for all home health services reflecting the federal EVV mandate per Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act.
- Amend language for Medication Administration Visits to clarify that the “primary” focus of the visit is medication administration.
- Remove the Statement of Fiscal Soundness requirement for home health agency providers.
- Clarify that the Initial Patient Assessment may be completed by the therapist (PT, SLP, or OT) when Therapy services are the only skilled service ordered by the physician or allowed practitioner.
- Technical corrections to clarify authorized practitioners for a face-to-face encounter visit.

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 April 3, 2026. 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.

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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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