

**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, May 29, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. on the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 320.00: Rates for Clinical Laboratory Services

The proposed regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on annual aggregate MassHealth expenditures as a result of the proposed amendments. There is also no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Under M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Sections 13C and 13D, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is required to establish and periodically review the rates to be paid by governmental units for noninstitutional health care services, including rates of payment for independent clinical laboratory services, provided under the MassHealth program.

The proposed amendments, effective October 1, 2026, maintain all rates at their current levels. The current rates for the vast majority of the codes established in 101 CMR 320.00 are set at 88.19% of their corresponding 2023 Medicare rates, and Medicare rates did not increase or decrease for 2025.

The regulation will also be amended to update applicable codes for surgical pathology services and laboratory services containing a professional component.

EOHHS is proposing these changes, subject to federal approval, to ensure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. 118E, Sections 13C and 13D.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to mass.gov/service-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. May 29, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments on how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To review the current draft of the proposed regulation, go to mass.gov/service-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.

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EOHHS 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 mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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