

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 three remote public hearings on Friday, June 26, 2026, at the respective times listed below, relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulations.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D (f/k/a Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), EOHHS is required to establish by regulation and biennially review the rates to be paid by governmental units for social service programs, which include the services described below.

In accordance with this requirement, the rates for the services described below are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 3.00%. The CAF was determined by using the Massachusetts Economic Indicator data from IHS Economics – Fall 2025 Forecast, baseline scenario data. The CAF reflects the period between the rates' base period (calendar year 2026 Q2) and the prospective period of fiscal years 2027 and 2028. Staff salaries have been benchmarked to the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) median wages as dated May 2024 at the 53rd percentile. The tax and fringe rate has been benchmarked to 24.97%. This benchmark is derived from the MA Comptrollers FY25 approved rate less terminal leave and retirement. The administrative allocation has been benchmarked to 12%, which is the standard rate applied across all Chapter 257 regulations.

The proposed regulations contain rates effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Hearing 1: 10:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 426.00: Rates for Certain Adult Community Mental Health Services

101 CMR 426.00 establishes the payment rates for certain adult community mental health services provided to publicly aided individuals by governmental units. Services with rates established by this regulation are purchased by the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

At this time, the rates for all adult community mental health services in this chapter are being updated.

The total annualized cost to state government is approximately \$25.3 million, which represents an increase of 5.38% over FY25 spending of approximately \$470.7 million. The increase in spending in FY27 will be covered through the Chapter 257 Reserve Account.

Hearing 2: 11:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 346.00: Rates for Certain Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Programs

101 CMR 346.00 governs the payment rates for certain substance-related and addictive disorders programs provided to publicly aided individuals by governmental units.

At this time, the rates for residential rehabilitation co-occurring enhanced services are being updated. These services are purchased by the Department of Public Health and MassHealth and provide organized substance-related and addictive disorders treatment and education services in a 24-hour residential setting for individuals with a moderate-to-severe substance use and mental health disorder.

The total estimated FY27 cost from the increase in the residential rehabilitation co-occurring enhanced services rates established by this proposed regulation to DPH is \$476,453, which is a 7.53% increase over FY25 spending of approximately \$6.3 million. The increase in DPH spending will be covered through the Chapter 257 Reserve Account. Any cost incurred by this rate increase to MassHealth will be covered through MassHealth's operating budget.

Hearing 3: 12:00 p.m.: 101 CMR 411.00: Rates for Certain Placement, Support, and Shared Living Services

101 CMR 411.00 governs the rates paid by governmental units for certain placement, support, and shared living services provided to publicly aided individuals. Services with rates established by this regulation are purchased by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), MassAbility (MBY), and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

At this time, most placement, support, and shared living services rates are being updated. However, the rates for all adoption management support services (AMSS) product-based services and the rate for the Youth Permanency Connections service are not being changed at this time due to the upcoming DCF procurement effective January 1, 2027.

The total annualized cost to state government from the proposed amendments to this regulation is approximately \$19.92 million, which represents an increase of 8.77% over FY25 spending of approximately \$227.2 million on these services. Of this amount, the estimated annualized cost to DCF is \$4,154,143; the estimated annualized cost to DHS is \$117,615; the estimated annualized cost to DDS is \$15,510,337; the estimated annualized cost to MBY is \$35,692; and the estimated annualized cost to MCB is \$104,072. The increase in spending in FY27 will be covered through the Chapter 257 Reserve Account.

[To register to testify at the hearings and to get instructions on how to join the hearings online](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings), go to www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearings 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, June 26, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

[To review the current drafts of the proposed regulations](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings), 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. [To view or download related supporting materials](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials), go to www.mass.gov/info-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulations taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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Date of Newspaper Ad: June 5, 2026