

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, July 31, 2026, at 10 a.m., relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 514.00: *Hospital Assessment*

The amendments to 101 CMR 514.00: Hospital Assessment are proposed to implement the changes to the hospital assessment enacted and required through M.G.L. c. 118E, section 67, as amended by Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2025, and required under the new waiver of broadbasedness and uniformity approved by CMS pursuant to 42 CFR 433.68.

These changes 1) increase the total assessment amount by \$50M; 2) update the assessment base from 2019 to 2023; and 3) update both the inpatient and outpatient assessment rates for 7 out of 9 hospital assessment groups.

The regulation went into effect as an emergency on July 7, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

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 p.m. on July 31, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To [review the current draft of the proposed regulation](#), go to www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy

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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 www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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