

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 August 7, 2026, at 3:00 PM, relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 314.00: Rates for Dental Services

Regulation 101 CMR 314.00 governs the rates used by all governmental units to make payments to eligible providers for dental services rendered to publicly aided individuals.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2027, EOHHS proposes establishing bundled rates for certain limited orthodontic treatment services to streamline the provision of these services for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) members. EOHHS proposes to establish a bundled rate incorporating the rate for the base visit (\$250 per visit) and five follow-up visits (\$270) for each of the service codes D8010, D8020, D8030, and D8040 that relate to limited orthodontic treatment of primary, transitional, adolescent, and adult dentition services, respectively. The proposed bundled rate for each code is \$520 per member. All other adult and EPSDT rates, including code D8999, will remain at their current levels.

EOHHS also proposes updating frequency limitations for two preventative and diagnostic services. The proposed amendments revise the frequency limitation for limited oral evaluation services (code D0140) for adults and EPSDT members from two units per member per year to two units per provider per member per year, allowing members to receive more than two units of the limited oral evaluations rendered by multiple providers. The proposed amendments also revise the frequency limitation for silver diamine fluoride services (code D1354) for adults and EPSDT members from two units per tooth per member per lifetime to two units per tooth per member per year.

While the proposed updates to frequency limitations are updates to Subchapter 6 of the Dental Manual and do not require amendments to 101 CMR 314.00, these updates will have a fiscal impact and are therefore described herein.

Finally, the proposed amendments also update terminology and incorporate coding updates to 101 CMR 314.00 previously issued via administrative bulletins.

The estimated aggregate annual fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments to 101 CMR 314.00 and the proposed updates to Subchapter 6 of the

Dental Manual is \$233,000, or a 0.04% increase over SFY 2025 base spending of approximately \$553 million. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

EOHHS is proposing these amendments, subject to federal approval and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 118E, §13C, to ensure that payments are reasonable and adequate to meet the costs that must be incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities.

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 August 7, 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 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.

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