

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, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 420.000: Dental Services

130 CMR 420.000 governs the dental policies and requirements by state governmental units for participating MassHealth dental providers. MassHealth is adopting the proposed amendments below on an emergency basis, effective August 1, 2026, to align with the state fiscal year 2027 General Appropriations Act.

The proposed amendments impose a cap on adult coverage of dental services. For MassHealth members 21 years of age and older who are not Department of Development Services clients, coverage of dental services is proposed to be subject to a benefit year maximum of \$1,750 per member. The start date of benefit year 2027 is proposed to be identified in MassHealth written issuance. The end date of benefit year 2027 is proposed to be June 30, 2027. Subsequent benefit years are proposed to be July 1–June 30 (e.g., benefit year 2028 would be July 1, 2027–June 30, 2028).

Coverage of the following services is proposed to count toward the benefit year maximum but be payable beyond the benefit year maximum: initial complete denture services after full arch extractions and services identified as payable beyond the benefit year maximum in MassHealth written issuances. The proposed amendments also enable MassHealth to identify, in MassHealth written issuance, services that do not count toward the benefit year maximum and would be payable beyond the benefit year maximum.

The proposed amendments are anticipated to result in a decrease in MassHealth expenditures for dental services for MassHealth members 21 years of age and older. The proposed amendments are anticipated to enable MassHealth to maintain dental benefits for the general adult population without cutting services. 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/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, 1 Enterprise Drive, Quincy, MA 02171, Fourth Floor. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. September 18, 2026. The Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the emergency regulation, go to mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 1 Enterprise Drive, Quincy, MA 02171, Fourth Floor.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov or by phone at (617) 847-3468 (TTY: (617) 847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

The Division may adopt a final, revised version of the emergency 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/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings.

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