

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, October 16, 2026, at 10 a.m., relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulations.

101 CMR 316.00: *Rates for Surgery and Anesthesia Services*

101 CMR 317.00: *Rates for Medicine Services*

101 CMR 318.00: *Rates for Radiology Services*

The proposed amendments to 101 CMR 316.00, 101 CMR 317.00, and 101 CMR 318.00 add certified professional midwives (CPMs) as an eligible provider type, consistent with Chapter 186 of the Acts of 2024. The proposed amendments also establish codes S8415 (home delivery supply kit) and S4005 (interim labor) to support eligible low-risk MassHealth members who elect planned home birth services. The proposed rate for code S8415 is \$500 per pregnancy based on market research to cover essential home birth supplies for eligible low-risk pregnancies. The proposed rate for code S4005 is set at individual consideration (IC) based on the rate for the same code established in 101 CMR 355.00: *Rates for Freestanding Birth Centers*.

In order to promote access to CPM services for eligible MassHealth members and ensure consistency with recent updates to state law (i.e., Chapter 186 of the Acts of 2024), the proposed amendments described above were adopted on an emergency basis on September 25, 2026, with rates effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2026.

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. It is estimated that annual aggregate MassHealth expenditures will increase by \$47,000 as a result of the proposed amendments. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns. The proposed amendments are not anticipated to impose new costs on small businesses, and any impact on small business providers will vary based on the volume of services provided.

[Register to testify and get instructions](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings) to join the hearing at 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 can submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. [Submit written 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, 1 Enterprise Drive, 5th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5 p.m. on October 16, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

You can [review the emergency regulation](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings) at www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 1 Enterprise Drive, 5th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the emergency regulation after considering relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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