

**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 October 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 351.00: Rates for Certain Adult Foster Care Services

The proposed amendments establish a new billing modifier and reduce the reimbursement rate for the one-time adult foster care (AFC) intake and assessment services when the Public Assessor Option (PAO), rather than the AFC provider, completes the initial member assessment.

The rate for the modified Intake and Assessment Services is proposed at \$100. The reduced intake and assessment rate will compensate AFC providers for the remaining pre-admission and admission activities they will continue to perform when the PAO conducts the initial member assessment.

The purpose of this amendment is to promote service quality by standardizing AFC intake and assessment practices to align with the entire Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) program network. The addition of a modifier for intake and assessment services ensures that providers are compensated for their preadmission and admission activities that they will continue to perform after the implementation of the PAO. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendment is on or after October 5, 2026.

All other rates are proposed to remain at their current levels. The estimated aggregate annual fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments is a decrease in spending on AFC services of \$1.27M.

[Register to testify and get instructions](https://mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings) to join the hearing online at mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. You can join by phone at (646) 558-8656. The meeting ID is 935 397 8200#.

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. Put 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. You can also mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2026. EOHHS specifically invites comments as

to how the amendments may affect member access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

You can [review the emergency regulation](#) at mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. You can also request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th 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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