

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 October 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130CMR 408.000: Adult Foster Care Services

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing an emergency amendment to regulation 130 CMR 408.000. Adult foster care (AFC) services provide MassHealth members with assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), as well as nursing oversight and care management of the personal care provided by the AFC caregiver, which are overseen by a provider agency. The proposed amendment establishes the Public Assessor Option (PAO), which will administer the initial member assessments for AFC services on behalf of EOHHS. The AFC provider agency will no longer be required to complete the initial clinical evaluation when the PAO administers 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 Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) program network. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendment is on or after October 5, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

[Register to testify and get instructions](https://mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings) to join the hearing online at mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-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 masshealthpublicnotice@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, the Division 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/masshealth-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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The Division may adopt a revised version of the emergency regulation after considering 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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