

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

In furtherance of [Section 130 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017](#), the Health Policy Commission (HPC) will hold a public listening session regarding the practice of shifting drug distribution channels, commonly referred to as “white bagging” and “brown bagging.”

Scheduled listening session date and location:

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 9:30 AM
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

The listening session will focus on the following questions:

- How widespread is the practice of shifting drug distribution channels in Massachusetts?
 - What is the prevalence of “brown bagging” versus “white bagging”?
 - What is the prevalence of mandated administration of infusion therapy drugs in the home setting?
- How many and which specific drugs have shifted distribution channels?
- What is the impact of shifting drug distribution channels on patient experience, including cost-sharing, safety, and access?
- What is the financial impact of this practice on payers and providers?

The HPC encourages all interested parties to submit written testimony and comments to the following address: HPC-Testimony@state.ma.us. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Lois Johnson, General Counsel, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 11, 2018.**

All written or oral comments submitted to the HPC may be posted on the HPC’s website and released in response to a request for public records.