

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services



Executive Order No. 536: Establishing the Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008 Provider and Consumer Advisory Council

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Agenda

- Recent Activity
- Chapter 257 Current Status
- Updated Chapter 257 Implementation Plan
- Chapter 257 Reserve in FY2015
- Draft Proposal - Pilot Program
- General Updates

Recent Activity

Regulated Rates –

- Placement Services (Shared Living) contracts implemented October 1st

Rates Awaiting Procurement

- Family Resource Centers, targeted for December 1st
- Youth Short-Term Stabilization, targeted for January 1st

Rate Reviews Completed

- ASAP Bundled Rate Payments, effective July 1st
- Ambulatory, Driver Alcohol Ed, Opiate Treatment Services, effective October 1st
- Youth Intermediate-Term Stabilization (DPH), effective November 1st

Public Hearings Scheduled –

- November 7th – Community Based Flexible Supports (DMH)
- November 17th – Residential Rehabilitation Programs (BSAS)



Recent Activity, Cont.

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Provider Sessions –

- July 29th – Community Service Network (DYS)
- August 14th – CBFS (DMH)
- August 27th – General Programs, Disability Cluster (MRC, MCB)
- Sept. 16th – Deaf Blind Community Access Network (MCB)
- Sept. 18th – Family Stabilization (DDS, MCB)
- Sept. 29th – Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program (DPH)
- Sept. 29th – Batterer Intervention Program (DPH)
- October 14th – Protective Services (EOEA)
- October 22nd – Family Flexible Supports (DMH)
- October 23rd – In-Home Basic Supports (DDS, MRC)

Chapter 257 – Current Status

The current Chapter 257 status is noted below –

Status	FY14 Spending	%	Overall
Regulated	\$1,822,832,416	76.6%	
Procurement	\$9,771,122	0.4%	77.0%
Hearing	\$268,886,691	11.3%	88.3%
Development	\$153,823,263	6.5%	94.8%
Planned	\$124,562,047	5.2%	
Grand Total	\$2,379,875,538		



Chapter 257 – Rate Reviews Underway

Hearings Scheduled for –

- Adult Residential Rehabilitation (Nov. 17th)

Provider Sessions Held for –

- Family Stabilization at DDS, MCB
- Family Flexible Supports at DMH

Active Reviews Underway/Planned for –

- Detox and Step Down Services at DPH
- Clubhouse at DMH
- Community Based Day Supports at DDS

Updated Implementation Plan

A revised Chapter 257 implementation plan is being finalized to reflect the following changes from April 2014 –

- Shift from FY13 to FY14 spending
- Add new activity codes and remove discontinued ones
- Update project status in rate development process
- Add additional projects to FY15 planning list, including estimated completion timeframe.



Chapter 257 Reserve in FY2015

The FY2015 GAA included \$15M in funding for a Chapter 257 reserve, which also included a quarterly reporting requirement for amounts transferred from the reserve.

While \$0 had been transferred as of September 30th, the following projects were reported to Ways and Means with definitive plans for FY2015, with the remaining funds projected to be spent via projects which are being finalized in the next few months.

Reserve Distributions Anticipated During FY2015			
Service Class/Rate Project	Dept.	Account	Amount
Day Hab Supplemental Support Services	DDS	5920-2025	\$811,763
Adult Long-Term Residential	DMH	5046-0000	\$206,259
Placement and Support Services	MCB	4110-2000	\$65,100
Placement and Support Services	DDS	5920-2000	\$2,185,577
Placement and Support Services	DCF	4800-0038	\$1,112,505
Youth Short-Term Stabilization (Support Services)	DYS	4200-0300	\$548,056
Youth Short-Term Stabilization	DPH	4512-0200	\$5,724
Youth Intermediate-Term Stabilization	DPH	4512-0200	\$904,445
ASAP Purchased Services	ELD	9110-1630	\$1,747,372
ASAP Purchased Services	ELD	9110-1500	\$610,826



Draft Proposal – Limited Pilot Program

Currently prohibited from issuing POS procurements unless a rate has been set, with some narrow exceptions (Ch. 9 of 2011, sec. 48). This appears to have been primarily targeted at established programs where the structure and costs are known.

Creating some difficulties where a department is seeking to establish a new program, and has a sense of what components are needed, but would want to test the hypothesis in practice.

Seeking to establish via regulation a narrowly defined “pilot program” –

- New programs/services with spending of less than \$2M overall
- Limited to 4 years for initial contracts – evaluation after 2-3 years to determine whether a rate should be set.
- Cost reimbursement for initial contract to allow for flexibility in program design, would inform a more structured rate development

General Updates / Discussion

- Salary Snapshot Report – due for all by November 15th
- UFR Replacement at OSD
- Notifying Providers, Consumers and other Interested Parties of Rate Feedback Sessions

Wrap-up, Next Meeting

Next Tentatively Scheduled Meeting

- February 12, 2015 – 2:00-3:00
Matta Conference Room