Division of Medical Assistance

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Medicaid

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E, ss. 7 and 12 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) proposes to amend the following regulation.

130 CMR 432.000: Therapist Services

It is anticipated that these amendments will not go into effect before January 1, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing an amendment to 130 CMR 432.000 to comply with federal prior authorization requirements applicable to MassHealth-enrolled therapy providers and to services provided under the regulation.

The proposed amendment aligns the therapy program regulation with federal law regarding prior authorization adjudication, set forth in CMS-0057-F, consistent with federal interoperability requirements. The proposed amendment will be consistent with changes in 130 CMR 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations*.

To submit data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed amendments, please email them to masshealthpublicnotice@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 submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit comments by email should mail comments to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025. The Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed regulation may go to www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-notices or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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