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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, five public hearings will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017, in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA, each at the respective time relative to the adoption of amendments to:

- 1) 9:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 422.00: General Programs – Disability Services.** M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, requires EOHHS to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for General Programs – Disability Services are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.72%. The CAF is applied to the current rates to yield the proposed adjusted rates. A new rate is being established for the Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant service. The rates for Independent Living Program and Independent Living Summer Program are being removed from this regulation as these services are funded exclusively by a federal grant and are thus not social service programs as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 8A, and do not require rates to be established by regulation. This proposed amended regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2018. There is no fiscal impact to cities and towns.
- 2) 10:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 417.00: Rates for Certain Elder Care Services.** M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, requires EOHHS to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, social service programs with rates to be established by the amendment to this regulation include Guardianship Services, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2017, and to be purchased by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). Additionally, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2018, the rates for Certain Elder Care Services are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.51%. This proposed amended regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than July 1, 2017. There is no fiscal impact to cities and towns.
- 3) 10:30 a.m.: 101 CMR 416.00: Rates for Clubhouse Services.** M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, requires EOHHS to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for Clubhouse Services are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.72%. This proposed amended regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2018. There is no fiscal impact to cities and towns.
- 4) 11:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 415.00: Rates for Community-Based Day Support Services.** M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, requires EOHHS to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for Community-Based Day Supports are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.72% and eliminate intensity level model G. This proposed amended



regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2018. There is no fiscal impact to cities and towns.

5) **11:30 a.m.: 101 CMR 419.00: Rates for Supported Employment Services.** M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, requires EOHHS to establish and biennially update rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for Supported Employment Services are being updated to include an increase by a cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.72%. The center-based rates are being removed from this regulation as this service is no longer utilized. This proposed amended regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2018. There is no fiscal impact to cities and towns.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the e-mail 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 testimony by e-mail should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/provider/contracting/chap257/proposed-regs-materials.html.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by e-mail at ADAAccommodations@state.ma.us or by phone at 617-847-3468 (TTY: 617-847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account 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 www.mass.gov/masshealth.

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