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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Notice of Submission of a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration

AGENCY: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) announces its intent to submit a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration provides federal authority for Massachusetts to expand eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible, offer services that are not typically covered by Medicaid, and use innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.

The Demonstration Amendment Request outlines the specific authorities being requested from CMS including, 1) Provide Pre-Release MassHealth Services to Individuals in Certain Public Institutions 2) Provide 12 Months Continuous Eligibility for Adults and 24 Months Continuous Eligibility for Members Experiencing Chronic Homelessness Who Are Age 65 and Over, 3) Implement Three Months Retroactive Eligibility, 4) Expand Marketplace (Health Connector) Subsidies to Additional Individuals, 5) Include Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing (STPHH) as an allowable Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Service, 6) Increase the Expenditure Authority for the Social Service Organization Integration Fund, 7) Increase the Income Limit for Medicare Savings Program (MSP) Benefits for Members on MassHealth Standard to the State Statutory Limit, and 8) Preserve CommonHealth Members' Ability to Enroll in One Care Plans.

Public Comment Period: EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Amendment (collectively the "proposed Amendment") through September 9, 2023. The proposed Amendment Request, details on where to submit comments, and additional relevant information are available at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/1115-masshealth-demonstration-waiver>

EOHHS will host a virtual public listening session in order to hear public comments on the Request. Stakeholders are invited to review the Request in advance and share with EOHHS staff at the listening session any input and feedback, or questions for future clarification. The listening session is scheduled as follows.

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

Time: 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Meeting Link: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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Reasonable Accommodation: If you require an ADA accommodation, please contact 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov .