



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF MEDICAID
ONE ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, MA 02108



MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN E. WALSH
SECRETARY

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

MIKE LEVINE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR MASSHEALTH

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 requests federal expenditure authority for Designated State Health Programs (DSHPs) to support the funding of new Demonstration initiatives. If granted, this authority would provide new federal support for existing state operated programs that serve low income and vulnerable populations in Massachusetts (the "Designated State Health Programs"). Massachusetts would use this federal funding to support new Demonstration initiatives, which include marketplace (Health Connector) subsidies expansion, Medicare Savings Program income limit increase, short term post-hospitalization housing, Social Services Integration funds, and pre-release MassHealth services to individuals in certain public institutions. The Commonwealth is requesting this authority to be effective upon federal approval.

Public Comment Period: EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Amendment through April 26, 2024. The proposed Demonstration Amendment, details on where to submit comments, and additional relevant information are available at: [1115 MassHealth Demonstration \("Waiver"\) | Mass.gov](#)

EOHHS will host a public listening session (both in person and with a virtual option) in order to hear public comments on the Demonstration Amendment. Stakeholders are invited to review the Demonstration Amendment 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: Monday, April 8, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, 2nd Floor

Meeting Link:

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

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/93228280336?pwd=K1BuVG5BVVhCd1RnQjFjbWdXeDIHZz09>

Password: 593985

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +13092053325,93228280336# or +13126266799,93228280336#

Or Telephone:

Dial:

+1 309 205 3325 (US Toll)

+1 312 626 6799 (US Toll)

+1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)

+1 646 931 3860 (US Toll)

+1 301 715 8592 (US Toll)

+1 305 224 1968 (US Toll)

+1 669 444 9171 (US Toll)

+1 669 900 6833 (US Toll)

+1 689 278 1000 (US Toll)

+1 719 359 4580 (US Toll)

+1 253 205 0468 (US Toll)

+1 253 215 8782 (US Toll)

+1 346 248 7799 (US Toll)

+1 360 209 5623 (US Toll)

+1 386 347 5053 (US Toll)

+1 507 473 4847 (US Toll)

+1 564 217 2000 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 932 2828 0336

Password: 593985

International numbers available:

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/93228280336?pwd=K1BuVG5BVVhCd1RnQjFjbWdXeDIHZz09>

Reasonable Accommodation: If you require an ADA accommodation for either the in-person or virtual option, please contact 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov.