

PUBLIC NOTICE: Termination of MassHealth’s “TANF and EAEDC Recipients” 1115 Demonstration Expenditure Authority and the Transition and Phase-Out Plan

Pending approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (“EOHHS” or “MassHealth”) proposes to terminate its TANF and EAEDC Recipients 1115 Demonstration Expenditure Authority, which permits MassHealth to enroll individuals receiving Transitional Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly Disabled and Children (EAEDC) through the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) based on receipt of TANF and/or EAEDC benefits, and not based on an income determination. Upon receiving approval from CMS, MassHealth will notify impacted members and follow the Transition and Phase-Out Plan described below.

In accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) outlined in Item 3.9, EOHHS is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on the proposed change to MassHealth’s Medicaid and CHIP 1115 Demonstration. Interested parties will have 30 days from the date this notice is posted to provide comments regarding the proposed termination of the TANF and EAEDC Recipients Expenditure Authority. The dates and procedures for submitting written comment are outlined below.

Proposal to Terminate 1115 Expenditure Authority for TANF and EAEDC Recipients

MassHealth submitted its current 1115 demonstration extension request to CMS on December 22, 2021, and updated it on December 27, 2021. In its extension request, MassHealth sought to continue all previously approved eligibility and coverage expansions, which included expenditure authority to enroll individuals receiving TANF and EAEDC through the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) based on receipt of TANF and/or EAEDC benefits, and not based on an income determination. The expenditure authority aligned with MassHealth’s goal to sustainably support the Commonwealth’s safety net and maintain near-universal coverage. The demonstration application was approved by CMS on September 28, 2022 and is effective October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027. The approval letter can be accessed by selecting the following links:

- [MassHealth Extension Approval](#)
- [MassHealth Demonstration Approval](#)

MassHealth is proposing to terminate its TANF and EAEDC Recipients 1115 Demonstration Expenditure Authority, effective December 31, 2027, because the current operational model does not allow MassHealth to comply with the community engagement requirements of the Working Families Tax Cut legislation.

**EOHHS will accept public comments on the proposal until 5:00 PM on July 6, 2026.
Comments may be submitted by email to 1115WaiverComments@mass.gov.**