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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

SUBJECT: MassHealth: Notice of Submission of a Request to Amend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration and Related State Plan Amendments

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 & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 26, 2017, and related State Plan Amendments (SPAs) thereafter.

The MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration provides federal authority for Massachusetts to expand eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible, to offer services that are not typically covered by Medicaid, and to 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 to ensure the sustainability of the MassHealth program while retaining access for vulnerable populations. Specifically, the Demonstration Amendment seeks authority to limit non-emergency transportation in the MassHealth CarePlus program, except for transportation to substance use disorder (SUD) services, to modify eligibility criteria for provisional eligibility, and to continue existing coverage of certain former foster care youth. Related SPAs addressing these changes will also be submitted pursuant to CMS requirements.

Public Comment Period: EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Amendment including the related SPAs (collectively the “proposed Amendment”) through June 12, 2017. The proposed Amendment, details on where to submit comments, and additional relevant information are available at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/masshealth-and-health-care-reform.html.

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