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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 to ensure the sustainability of the MassHealth program while retaining access for vulnerable populations. MassHealth's requests for flexibility through this amendment to align coverage for non-disabled adults with commercial plans, adopt widely-used commercial tools to obtain lower drug prices and enhanced rebates, and improve care by reducing costs and achieving administrative efficiencies.

**Public Comment Period:** EOHHS will accept comments on the proposed Demonstration Amendment (collectively the "proposed Amendment") through August 21, 2017. The proposed Amendment; details on where to submit comments; and additional relevant information are available at:  
[www.mass.gov/hhs/masshealth-innovations/1115waiver](http://www.mass.gov/hhs/masshealth-innovations/1115waiver).

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

**Listening session #1:**

**Date:** Friday, August 4, 2017

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Location:** 1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Boston MA

**Conference Line:** 1-888-822-7517 **Participant Code:** 163 4530#



**Listening session #2:**

**Date: August 16, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Location: Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA**

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