

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) proposes to amend its regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6 §§ 75 and 78 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A. A virtual public hearing will be held on **Friday, December 16, 2022** from 10:00AM to 11:00AM as well as an in-person public hearing on **Tuesday, December 20, 2022** from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the **MRC Worcester office** located at **50 Southwest Cutoff, Suite 1A, Worcester, MA 01604** relative to the adoption of these regulations. MRC describes the substance of the proposed actions as amendments to regulations found at:

107 CMR 11.00: Home Care Assistance Program

The proposed amendments will broaden access and expand the scope of services available for individuals with disabilities who seek to maintain independent living within their homes and communities through the Home Care Assistance Program. The proposed amendments also include revisions to the program appeals process.

It is anticipated that these amendments will not go into effect before January 20, 2023. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

To register to testify at the hearings, whether online, on the phone, or in person, and to get instructions on how to join the hearing virtually or in person, go to www.mass.gov/homecarehearing. To join the virtual hearing on the phone, call (646) 931-3860 and enter passcode: 606227

All persons desiring to submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony, data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed actions may submit them in writing to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, c/o Molly Karp, 600 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02111, or email them to molly.karp@mass.gov. Emailed comments must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

To review the current draft of the proposed actions, go to www.mass.gov/homecarehearing or request a copy in writing or in person from MRC at 600 Washington St., 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the EOHHS ADA Accommodations Coordinator at (617) 894-4352 or via email: Shauntay.M.King@mass.gov. Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

MRC may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to MRC's attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on www.mass.gov/homecarehearing.

November 25, 2022