

PH for 130 CMR 450, 130 CMR 506 and 130 CMR 520

Good morning, my name is Natalie Rodenberg. I am a clinical pharmacist for the MassHealth Pharmacy Program and I am here today to present testimony on amendments to the following regulations: 130 CMR 450, 130 CMR 506, and 130 CMR 520. These amendments were filed as emergency regulations and went into effect on April 1, 2024. EOHHS may adopt final, revised versions of the regulations taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

Background

Regulation 130 CMR 450 describes the administrative and billing rules for all MassHealth providers.

Regulation 130 CMR 506 describes the financial requirements for waiver-type MassHealth applicants and members.

Regulation 130 CMR 520 describes the financial eligibility rules for traditional-type MassHealth applicants and members.

All of these regulations include language about copayments.

Description of Changes

These proposed amendments will waive all copayments for MassHealth members. These copayments had been temporarily eliminated through March 31, 2024; the amendments will eliminate copayments permanently. This will promote access to prescription drugs for MassHealth members, as well as ensuring full payment for providers.

There is no impact on or waiver of copayments for individuals covered by the Children's Medical Security Plan.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed amendments are expected to increase annual aggregate MassHealth expenditures by approximately \$4,800,000.

This concludes my testimony.

Thank you.