Testimony on the Emergency Adoption of amendments to 130 CMR 408.000, effective Oct 5, 2026
Adult Foster Care
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Introduction

Good morning. My name is Jeffrey Saltzman, and I am the Program Manager of Adult Foster Care and Group Adult Foster Care at MassHealth in at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). I am here to present staff testimony on the emergency adoption of the amendments to regulation 130 CMR 408.000: *Adult Foster Care*. These amendments were filed as an emergency to become effective on October 5, 2026.

Background

Regulation 130 CMR 408.000 governs the Adult Foster Care (AFC) and Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) Programs at MassHealth. These services are provided by participating providers to eligible publicly aided individuals. AFC/GAFC services provide MassHealth members with assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), as well as nursing oversight and care management of the personal care provided by the AFC caregiver or GAFC Direct Care Aide.

Proposed Amendments

The emergency amendment establishes the Public Assessor Option (PAO), which will administer the initial member assessments for AFC services on behalf of EOHHS. The AFC provider agency will no longer be required to complete the initial clinical evaluation when the PAO administers the initial member assessment. The purpose of this amendment is to promote service quality by standardizing AFC intake and assessment practices to align with the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) program network.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.