

Introduction

Good afternoon. My name is Jeffrey Saltzman, and I am the Program Manager of Adult Foster Care and Group Adult Foster Care at MassHealth in 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 September 12, 2025.

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 adds a provider eligibility requirement stating that, at the time of accreditation or re-accreditation, the provider must be delivering services to at least eight (8) individuals. The purpose of this amendment is to promote quality by ensuring that Adult Foster Care (AFC) and Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) providers are of a sufficient size to effectively deliver AFC/GAFC services. MassHealth does not anticipate that implementation of this requirement will result in termination of current AFC/GAFC providers; rather, it will help ensure that newly enrolled providers have sufficient experience at the time of enrollment to effectively provide high quality AFC/GAFC services.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.