

Introduction

Good morning. My name is Danielle Sheehan, Program Manager for Adult Day Health and Day Habilitation, Office of Long Term Services and Supports (OLTSS) in the Executive Office of Home and Human Services (EOHHS). I am here to present testimony on emergency amendments to 130 CMR 419.00: *Day Habilitation Program Services*. This regulation was adopted as an emergency regulation effective for dates of service on or after January 19, 2024. EOHHS may adopt a final, revised version of this regulation after taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

Background

MassHealth Day Habilitation Program Services provide individualized, integrated, and goal-oriented services designed to maximize the independence of individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). These services are provided either in the community in structured day program settings or in nursing facilities as Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) specialized services.

Over the past several months, and in collaboration the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP), the Massachusetts Day Habilitation Coalition (MDHC), and the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS), MassHealth has been informed of Day Habilitation members unable to receive Day Habilitation services due to limitations in transportation. Currently transportation services for day habilitation members are covered by the Human Service Transportation Office (HST). HST will continue to manage transportation services for most DH members. As demands arise post-pandemic, the proposed services are intended to provide additional transportation service options for members needing transportation to and from their DH programs.

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Day Habilitation Program Services
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Proposed Amendments Effective January 19, 2024

The proposed amendments to 130 CMR 419.000 update, clarify, and reorder DH program regulations to:

- Add transportation services and requirements for providing those services;
- Add record keeping requirements for transportation services provided to members. and
- Clarify and update definitions to reflect the above changes.

These program regulations will be aligned with 101 CMR 348.00: *Rates for Day Habilitation Services*.

This concludes my testimony.

Thank you.