

PH for 101 CMR 613

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 regulation 101 CMR 613. 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 101 CMR 613 describes the eligible services for the Health Safety Net (HSN).

Description of Changes

These proposed amendments will waive all copayments for HSN patients. These copayments had been temporarily eliminated through March 31, 2024; the amendments will eliminate copayments permanently. This will promote access to prescription drugs for HSN patients.

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 HSN expenditures by approximately \$700,000.

This concludes my testimony.

Thank you.