

Introduction

Good morning. My name is **Tomaso Calicchio**, and I am the **Director of Specialty Provider Networks** at MassHealth in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). I am here to present staff testimony on proposed amendments to 130 CMR 401.000: *Independent Clinical Laboratory Services*. These amendments are proposed to become effective on October 9, 2026.

Background

Regulation 130 CMR 401.000 governs independent clinical laboratory services under MassHealth. All independent clinical laboratories participating in MassHealth must comply with regulations governing MassHealth.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments clarify the provider eligibility requirements for out-of-state providers by specifying that for a subsidiary-related entity of an in-state clinical laboratory to be reimbursed for clinical laboratory services provided outside of Massachusetts, the in-state clinical laboratory, in addition to being enrolled in MassHealth, must meet the in-state provider eligibility requirements listed in 130 CMR 401.404(A). The proposed amendments also add an exception to the 180-day limitation on standing order requests for clinical laboratory services related to end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) treatment. The proposed update extends the time limitation on standing orders for ESRD treatment to a maximum of 365 days in length. The proposed amendments also include other technical updates, such as updating the language in the maximum allowable fees section to align with the standard language in MassHealth regulations.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments.

This concludes my testimony.

Thank you.