

## **Introduction**

Good morning. My name is Martura Amato and I am the Diagnostic Services Program Manager at MassHealth in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). I am here to present testimony on proposed amendments to 101 CMR 320.00: *Rates for Clinical Laboratory Services*. The proposed amendments have an anticipated effective date of October 1, 2026.

## **Background**

Regulation 101 CMR 320.00 establishes the rates used by state governmental units to make payments to eligible providers for clinical laboratory services rendered to publicly aided individuals, including blood, urine, metabolic, drug, and genetic tests. Eligible providers include independent clinical labs, physicians, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, community health centers, family planning agencies, acute and chronic outpatient hospitals, hospital licensed health centers, group practices, and freestanding birth centers. This regulation excludes certain surgical pathological services and the professional component of the relevant laboratory codes, which are established in 101 CMR 316.00: *Rates for Surgery and Anesthesia Services*.

## **Description of Proposed Changes**

The proposed amendments update the effective date of the existing regulation to October 1, 2026, with no changes to the current rates. The current rates for the vast majority of the codes established in 101 CMR 320.00 are set at a percentage of their corresponding 2023 Medicare rates and Medicare rates for these codes did not change in 2025. Based on this information, EOHHS concludes that the current rates are adequate to meet the costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities providing care and services in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13C, as well as quality and safety standards, and are within the financial capacity of the Commonwealth. There is no current indication of an access issue. EOHHS intends to update the rates for codes 82233, 82234, 83884, 84393, 84394, and/or 86581 if the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services increase their 2026 Medicare rates relative to the 2025 Medicare rates.

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**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed amendments.

This concludes my testimony.

Thank you.