Submission of a Request to Extend the MassHealth Section 1115 Demonstration:
Summary and Public Comment Period

August 20, 2013

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MassHealth and State Health Care Reform

Draft 1115 Demonstration ("Waiver") Renewal Request (as posted for public comment August 20, 2013)

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- Section 1115 Demonstration Slides from Public Stakeholder Meetings
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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION ANNOUNCEMENT

August 22, 2013

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Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at:
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Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: [Dual Eligibles](https://www.mass.gov/dual-eligibles) for information on the "Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals" initiative.

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MASSHEALTH SECTION 115 DEMONSTRATION

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EBI PROJECT # 61133990

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to allocate wireless telecommunications antennas, on an existing building located at 42 Park Street, Boston, Suffolk County, MA. A total of twelve antennas and support equipment will be installed at top heights of 72 feet and 79 feet above grade. Any interested parties wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to Project #61133990@MA of EBI Consulting, 25 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at 781-572-6696.

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by mist court of the state of Massachusetts, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges. It is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are again...

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD Application for Transfer of License Date: August 22, 2003 Notice is hereby given, under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Fred's Convenience, Inc. DBA Fred's, located at 1225 Parker Street, has applied the Springfield Board of License Commissioners for a Transfer...
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**To:** Cheryl Andrews-Maltais; 'Chris Knowles'; Durwood Vanderhoop; Stephanie White; 'Ryan Malonson'; Cheryl Frye-
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