

# **Notice of Opportunity to Participate in the Delivery System Reform Implementation Advisory Council**

**December 2016**

## **Background:**

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is seeking individuals to serve on the Delivery System Reform Implementation Advisory Council (the “Council”) for the 1115 MassHealth Demonstration (often referred to as the 1115 Waiver).

In July 2016, EOHHS submitted its request to amend and extend the 1115 MassHealth Demonstration to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This request was approved on November 4, 2016. Specifically, MassHealth proposed a five-year extension of its 1115 MassHealth Demonstration, starting July 1, 2017, in order to advance alternative payment methodologies and delivery system reform through Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and certified Community Partners for behavioral health and long-term services and supports (LTSS). A significant focus will be placed on improving integration and delivery of care for members with a diagnosis of substance use disorder, as well as those with members with behavioral health, LTSS, and health-related social services needs. In addition, MassHealth plans to expand treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorder, including opioid addiction.

EOHHS is establishing the Council to operate during the upcoming 5-year 1115 MassHealth Demonstration period to provide advice and input in the implementation of MassHealth’s overall delivery system reform efforts. The roles and responsibilities may include advising EOHHS on various aspects of the implementation of the ACO and Community Partners models; identifying challenges during implementation; advising on the development and implementation of MCOs’ management and ACOs’ accountability for LTSS; soliciting input from stakeholders; examining and monitoring quality and access for those entities participating in the new delivery system; reviewing issues raised through the grievances and appeals processes and through Ombudsman reports; and participating in the development of public education and outreach campaigns.

## **Nominee Criteria:**

EOHHS is seeking to select approximately 20-25 individuals to serve on the Council for the 5-year term of the 1115 MassHealth Demonstration. In its sole discretion, EOHHS may extend the term of Council members by two years in any increment of time. The Council will develop an annual work plan and meeting agendas. EOHHS anticipates that the Council will meet approximately on a monthly or every other month basis through the upcoming 5-year 1115 MassHealth Demonstration extension period ending June 30, 2022 or longer if extended by EOHHS. Meetings will be approximately two hours in length and be held in Boston and other areas throughout the

Commonwealth. The Council members will be representative of MassHealth members, family members of MassHealth members, advocates, providers, provider associations, ACOs, or health plans.

Submitted applications will be evaluated on:

- the comprehensiveness, appropriateness, clarity, effectiveness, and responsiveness to the needs of EOHHS;
- the applicant's understanding of the goals, roles and responsibilities of the Delivery System Reform Implementation Advisory Council;
- the applicant's qualifications, including stated interest, knowledge, skills and experience;
- the applicant's geographic location;
- the applicant's status as an individual or organizational representative; and

EOHHS may, in its sole discretion, require a Council member to recuse him or herself from review of specific matters in the event of a perceived or actual conflict of interest.

All Council members are expected to participate in initial onboarding activities and trainings, be available to devote the time needed to perform the roles and responsibilities of the Council, review all meeting materials in advance of meetings, attend in person and participate in 90% of meetings, participate in the development of work plan deliverables, and provide advice and guidance to EOHHS. Members should possess strong analytic skills, critical reading skills, good interpersonal and communication skills, be a resident of Massachusetts, and not be employed by EOHHS. This Council is separate and distinct from other EOHHS councils, but members may work in collaboration with other EOHHS advisory bodies, including the One Care Implementation Council and SCO work groups. Members are expected to participate in 90% of meetings. Council members may send a representative to a meeting with prior authorization from EOHHS. The Secretary of EOHHS may remove members who are not meeting these obligations or who are not qualified, and may appoint new members, as needed.

EOHHS intends to release a separate procurement to invite interested individuals to submit nominations to serve on a Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) Committee.

#### **Submission Process:**

To be considered, interested individuals **MUST submit a nomination form and resume, if applicable, through COMMBUYS by December 12, 2016, at 12:00 PM.** Email or hard copy submissions will not be accepted. The nomination form and a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document are available online at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/masshealth-innovations/advisory-council.html> or on COMMBUYS ([www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com)) by searching the Bid Description field for keyword Delivery System Reform. Contact Lisa Wong at [Lisa.D.Wong@MassMail.State.MA.US](mailto:Lisa.D.Wong@MassMail.State.MA.US) or 617-573-1683 if you need the form and FAQ sent to you or would like to request a reasonable accommodation, which may include obtaining the information in an alternative format.

If EOHHS cannot identify qualified individuals with the qualifications listed above during the procurement, it may re-open the procurement in order to fulfill these requirements.