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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the regulatory authority found in St. 2006, c. 58, the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (“Connector”) will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following emergency amendments to existing regulations:

***956 CMR 12.00      Eligibility, Enrollment, and Hearing Process for Connector Programs***

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 is to change the eligibility cut-off for the ConnectorCare program from 300 percent of the federal poverty level to 500 percent of the federal poverty level, in order to effectuate the two-year pilot program contained within Section 81 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023.

The hearing will be held online at the following date and time, and can be accessed using the below information:

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88406257535?pwd=w7qnbiUf5ueokC6ye0W98lmgFkIlq7.1>

**Meeting ID: 884 0625 7535**

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These amended regulations were approved by the Connector Board on August 14, 2023, on an emergency basis, and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on August 15, 2023. A copy of the amended regulations and hearing rules may be obtained from the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, 100 City Hall Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108 during normal business hours or on the web at [www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org), by hovering the cursor over “About” and selecting “Rules & Regulations” from the drop down menu. All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should appear for the online hearing at the designated time. Written comments in advance of the hearing and at the hearing are welcome and if mailed, should be sent to the same address - Attention to Andrew R. Egan: Public Comments, or emailed to [connector-legal@state.ma.us](mailto:connector-legal@state.ma.us). Written Comments will be accepted until October 25, 2023 at 4 P.M.



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September 26, 2023

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**Re: 956 CMR 12.00: Small Business Impact Statement**

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To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed, please find a “Small Business Impact Statement” addressing the impact, if any, of the proposed amendments to 956 CMR 12.00 on small businesses in the Commonwealth.

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 is to change the eligibility cut-off for the ConnectorCare program from 300 percent of the federal poverty level to 500 percent of the federal poverty level, in order to effectuate the two-year pilot program contained within Section 81 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023. Because these regulations concern the eligibility rules for the Commonwealth’s health insurance affordability program for individuals who do not have access to health insurance from another source, including from their employer, there is no anticipated impact on small businesses, including that there is no projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative cost required for compliance with the amendments.

Because there is no impact on small businesses, there is no distinction between performance standards or design standards. Further, there are no other regulations of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, or any other state agency, which may duplicate or conflict with the amended regulation.

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority does not expect that these amendments will be likely to have any effect on the formation of new business in the state.