

**Division of Medical Assistance
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Medicaid
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, section 16 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) will hold a remote public hearing on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 11 a.m. relative to the emergency adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 433.000: *Physician Services*

The proposed amendments to regulation 130 CMR 433.000 establish certified professional midwife (CPM) as a new MassHealth provider type. The proposed amendments set forth the requirements for MassHealth covered CPM services, which include, among other things, requirements covering the following areas: (1) provider eligibility requirements to enroll as a MassHealth provider of such services; (2) member eligibility requirements for the receipt of such services; (3) administrative requirements related to the delivery of such services; and (4) other requirements related to the provision of MassHealth covered services, including recordkeeping.

In order to promote access to CPM services for eligible MassHealth members, ensure consistency with recent updates to state law (i.e., Chapter 186 of the Acts of 2024), and to ensure that eligible CPMs can enroll in MassHealth in October 2026, the proposed amendments described above were adopted on an emergency basis, effective September 25, 2026. The proposed amendments are not anticipated to result in an increase in annual aggregate MassHealth expenditures. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

[Register to testify and get instructions](https://mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings) to join the hearing online at mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings. You can join by phone at (646) 558-8656. The meeting ID is 935 397 8200#.

You can submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. [Submit written testimony](#) to masshealthpublicnotice@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email. Put the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. You can also mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026. The Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect member access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

You can [review the emergency regulation](https://mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings) at mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings. You can also request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 1 Enterprise Drive, 4th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

[Email the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman](mailto:ADAAccommodations@mass.gov) at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov to make special accommodation requests. You can also call (617) 847-3468, TTY: (617) 847-3788. Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the emergency regulation after considering relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, [hearing cancellation announcements](#) will be posted on the MassHealth website at mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings.

Date of Newspaper Ad: September 25, 2026

Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No and Title: 130 CMR 433.000: Physician Services

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 40

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**
No. The proposed amendments to the regulation do not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**
No. Providers who wish to participate in MassHealth as a certified professional midwife (CPM) will be required to comply with the recordkeeping requirements set forth in this regulation, as well as those that apply to all MassHealth providers.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**
No. The regulation does not require small businesses to provide additional administrative oversight.
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**
No. Compliance does not require hiring additional employees.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**
No. Compliance does not require hiring additional employees.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?**
No. The regulation does not require purchases or capital investments.
- **Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?**
(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)
No. Performance standards are not more appropriate than design or operational standards.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**
No other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulations.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?**
Yes. Providers who wish to participate in MassHealth as a certified professional midwife (CPM) will be required to cooperate with the audit, inspection, and other regulatory enforcement activities set forth in this regulation, as well as those that apply to all MassHealth providers.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**
No. The regulation does not require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with the regulatory requirements.
- **Is the regulation likely to *deter* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The regulation is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of small businesses.
- **Is the regulation likely to *encourage* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The regulation is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of small businesses.

- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation does not distinguish between small and other businesses.
- **Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation does not distinguish between small and other businesses.
- **Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation does not distinguish between small and other businesses.
- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?**
No. Distinguishing small businesses from other businesses would not be practicable for this regulation.
- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**
No. The regulation is required by statutes, and its goals could not be achieved through alternative methods.