

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 Monday, December 1, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., on the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 450.000: Administrative and Billing Regulations

130 CMR 450.000 sets forth the administrative and billing regulations that apply to MassHealth providers and MassHealth-covered services.

The proposed amendments update 130 CMR 450.000 to do the following. (1) Comply with federal regulations on prior authorization. (2) Update conditions of payment to require a provider listed on a claim to be enrolled in MassHealth only if state or federal laws/rules require such enrollment. (3) Clarify that providers participating in managed care are required to adhere to performance specifications and other requirements established in managed care entity provider contracts. (4) Update hearing provisions to allow for discretionary vacating of a procedural dismissal of an administrative appeal at the Board of Hearings. (5) Update referral exemption requirements for primary care clinician (PCC) and primary care accountable care organization (PCACO) plans and update the provider eligibility criteria for the PCC and PCACO plans. (6) Update the pay-for-performance language on notice and dispute procedures to apply the section more broadly to existing performance incentive payment programs. (7) Clarify the early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) and Preventive Pediatric Health Care Screening and Diagnosis (PPHSD) Programs. (8) Allow MassHealth to require providers to obtain a separate national provider identifier per service location and issue separate provider ID/service location numbers for separate service locations. (9) Make other clarifying and administrative updates.

The proposed effective date of the proposed amendments is April 10, 2026. The proposed amendments are not expected to increase annual aggregate MassHealth expenditures. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

To register to testify at the hearing and get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to

masshealthpublicnotice@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with 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. Individuals who cannot submit testimony by email should mail it to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. December 1, 2025. The Division specifically invites comments on how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the regulation, go to mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be emailed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov or by phone at (617) 847-3468 [TTY: (617) 847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled]. Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

The Division may adopt a final, revised version of the regulation taking into account 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.

November 7, 2025

Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 130 CMR 450.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Currently, there are approximately 20k MassHealth providers.

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? No. The proposed amendments do not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? No. The proposed amendments will not implement additional recordkeeping procedures for small businesses.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? No. The proposed amendments do not require small businesses to provide additional administrative oversight.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? No. Compliance with the proposed amendments does not require hiring additional employees.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? No. Compliance with the regulation does not require hiring other professionals.
Yes ☐	No ☒	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.
Yes ☐	No ☒	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.) Performance standards are not more appropriate than design or operational standards.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation.
Yes ☒	No ☐	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? Yes. This regulation requires small businesses that are MassHealth-enrolled providers to cooperate with audits, inspections, and other regulatory enforcement activities.
Yes ☐	No ☒	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 regulatory requirements.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The regulation sets forth the administrative and billing regulations that apply to MassHealth providers and services. It is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of small businesses.
Yes ☐	No ☒	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The regulation sets forth the administrative and billing regulations that apply to MassHealth providers and services. It is unlikely to deter or encourage the formation of small businesses.

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