

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) will hold a **remote public hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation:

957 CMR 9.00 – HOSPITAL FINANCIAL DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

957 CMR 9.00 governs reporting requirements for Hospitals, Physician Organizations, and Parent Organizations. The proposed amendments to 957 CMR 9.00 add reporting requirements for entities made subject to CHIA's reporting requirements by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024. The proposed amendments also align the regulation's penalty language with changes made to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 11 by Chapters 342 and 343 of the Acts of 2024. Finally, the proposed amendments clarify CHIA's process for providing detailed data reporting specifications to reporting entities.

It is anticipated that entities covered by this regulation will incur no additional administrative costs resulting from the proposed new regulation. The amended regulation will have no fiscal impact on cities and towns and will have no fiscal impact on small businesses.

If you plan to testify at the hearing, CHIA strongly encourages you to register in advance by emailing regulations@chiamass.gov. Individuals may also submit written testimony to the same email address. Please include the name of the regulation in the subject line of your email. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation (if applicable). Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, 501 Boylston Street, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 15, 2025. This notice and copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed on CHIA's website at www.chiamass.gov/regulations.

To join the remote hearing online, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88348557040?pwd=e7XL5IpnWKuEcJpbPb4pgTSB7qd1H.1>, and enter Meeting ID: 883 4855 7040 and Passcode: 911449.

To join the remote hearing by phone, call 1-646-518-9805 or 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: 883 4855 7040 and Password: 911449 when prompted.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to accurately predict the impact the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation will have on small businesses, the promulgating authority must conduct a thorough analysis that not only considers the potential effects of the action but also quantifies the costs, if any, associated with each. The questions below are designed to aid promulgating authorities in conducting their analysis.

Agency Submitting Regulation: Center for Health Information and Analysis (“CHIA”).

Subject Matter of Regulation: Provider Financial Data Reporting; Monetary Penalties.

Regulation No: 957 C.M.R. 9.00.

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. c. 12C.

Other Agencies Affected: None.

Other Regulations That May Duplicate or Conflict with the Regulation: None.

Describe the Scope and Objectives of the Regulation: 957 CMR 9.00 governs reporting requirements for Hospitals, Physician Organizations, and Parent Organizations. The proposed amendments to 957 CMR 9.00 add reporting requirements for entities made subject to CHIA’s reporting requirements by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024. The proposed amendments also align the regulation’s penalty language with changes made to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 11 by Chapters 342 and 343 of the Acts of 2024. Finally, the proposed amendments clarify CHIA’s process for providing detailed data reporting specifications to reporting entities.

Business Industry(ies) Affected by the Regulation: Health care

Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies): Hospitals, Physician Organizations, Parent Organizations, and Affiliated Entities of those organizations who are required to submit data to CHIA pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 11, as amended by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024.

Total Number of Small Businesses Included in the Regulated Industry(ies) *Please see the attached guidance documents for assistance determining the total number of small businesses:* None.

Number of Small Businesses Potentially Subject to the Proposed Regulation: None.

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: October 24, 2025

Yes	No	<i>*Note: For each question, please answer “yes” or “no” and offer a brief explanation. Please describe any facts, data, views, arguments, or other input from small businesses, organizations or any other sources that were used to quantify the impacts outlined below.</i>
Yes ☐	No x	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports.
Yes ☐	No x	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?

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Yes ☐	No x	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to provide additional administrative oversight.
Yes ☐	No x	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation.
Yes ☐	No x	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to hire other professionals.
Yes ☐	No x	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 proposed regulations will not require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation.
Yes ☐	No x	Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards? No. The proposed regulations create uniform data reporting standards for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
Yes ☐	No x	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities.
Yes ☐	No x	Will the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses? No. The proposed regulations will not create additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses.
Yes ☐	No x	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements.
Yes ☐	No x	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? No. The proposed regulations are not likely to deter the formation of small businesses.
Yes ☐	No x	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? No. The proposed regulations are not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses.
Yes ☐	No x	Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No. The proposed regulations apply uniform reporting requirements to each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.

Yes ☐	No x	Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No. The regulation applies uniform schedules for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
Yes ☐	No x	Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses? No. The regulation applies uniform reporting requirements to each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
Yes ☐	No x	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards? No. The proposed regulations create uniform data reporting standards for each entity in a given category of data submitter to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
Yes ☐	No x	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? No. The proposed regulations are not expected to have an adverse impact on small businesses.
Yes ☐	No x	Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe. No. The proposed regulations are not expected to affect small businesses.