

## 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, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** relative to the adoption of the following new regulation:

### **957 CMR 5.00 – HEALTH CARE CLAIMS, CASE MIX AND CHARGE DATA RELEASE PROCEDURES**

### **957 CMR 6.00 – COST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **957 CMR 7.00 – NURSING FACILITIES COST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The proposed amendments to 957 CMR 5.00 update and streamline CHIA's data release process while ensuring adequate protections are in place, including those required by Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2025. The proposed amendments to 957 CMR 6.00 remove outdated references in the regulation and update language to be consistent with other CHIA regulations. The proposed amendments to 957 CMR 7.00 update the regulation to reflect changes to CHIA's authority under M.G.L. c. 12C made by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024.

It is anticipated that entities covered by these regulations will incur no additional administrative costs resulting from the proposed new regulation. The new regulation will have no fiscal impact on cities and towns and is not anticipated to have any 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](mailto: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, January 19, 2026. This notice and copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed on CHIA's website at [www.chiamass.gov/regulations](http://www.chiamass.gov/regulations).

To join the remote hearing online, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82550326188?pwd=5hGGHwxrmEVRtvCIEWMhiUDybtKw8u.1>, and enter Meeting ID: 825 5032 6188 and Passcode: 070016.

To join the remote hearing by phone, call 1-646-518-9805 or 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: 825 5032 6188 and Passcode: 070016 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:** Data Release Procedures

**Regulation No:** 957 C.M.R. 5.00

**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:** This regulation enhances CHIA’s data release process by creating a streamlined, purpose-based release structure with enhanced privacy protections.

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

**Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies):** Health care researchers and other users of CHIA data.

**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:** November 20, 2025

Yes	No	<i><b>*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.</b></i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to create, file, or issue additional reports.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to implement additional recordkeeping procedures.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to provide additional administrative oversight.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?</b>

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Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to hire other professionals.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?</b> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?</b> Not applicable. The regulation imposes neither performance nor design standards.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Will the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not create additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?</b> No. The proposed regulations will not require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</b> No. The proposed regulations are not likely to deter the formation of small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</b> No. The proposed regulations are not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</b> No. To the extent the regulation imposes compliance requirements, such requirements are required by law and/or necessary to maintain data privacy and security.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</b> No. To the extent the regulation imposes compliance requirements, such requirements are required by law and/or necessary to maintain data privacy and security.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?</b> No. To the extent the regulation imposes compliance requirements, such requirements are required by law and/or necessary to maintain data privacy and security.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?</b> Not applicable. The regulation imposes neither performance nor design standards.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?</b> No. The proposed regulations are not expected to have an adverse impact on small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.</b> No. The proposed regulations are not expected to affect small businesses.

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

**Subject Matter of Regulation:** Provider Cost Reporting; Nursing Facilities Cost Reporting; Monetary Penalties

**Regulation No:** 957 C.M.R. 6.00 and 957 CMR 7.00

**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:** These regulations implement CHIA’s cost reporting requirements for Providers generally under 957 CMR 6.00 and for Nursing Facilities specifically under 957 CMR 7.00. The amendments to these regulations update the regulatory language for consistency across CHIA regulations and include newly created reporting requirements that were added to CHIA’s statute, M.G.L. c. 12C, by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024. The amendments to 957 CMR 7.00 also update monetary penalty amounts consistent with Chapters 342 and 343 of the Acts of 2024.

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

**Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies):** MassHealth health care providers; nursing facilities

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Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</b> No. The proposed regulations apply uniform, statutorily required reporting requirements to each covered entity to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No x	<b>Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</b> No. The regulation applies uniform schedules for each covered entity to ensure Massachusetts has consistent, comprehensive health care databases.
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