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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and M.G.L. c. 6D, the Health Policy Commission (the “Commission”) will hold a public hearing regarding **proposed amendments to 958 CMR 7.00, *Notice of Material Change and Cost and Market Impact Reviews***.

The proposed amendments are authorized by M.G.L. c. 6D, §§ 3 & 13 and align the existing regulation with changes enacted pursuant to Chapters 342 and 343 of the Acts of 2024 and provide operational updates and clarifications.

Scheduled hearing date:

March 12, 2026 1:00 PM

The hearing will be virtual and livestreamed for the public on the Commission’s YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/live/4x4RViL1RgU>

The Commission encourages interested parties to submit either oral or written testimony and comments. **Those wishing to provide testimony during the hearing may sign up by emailing hpc-testimony@mass.gov**. Written comments may be submitted to hpc-testimony@mass.gov or hpc-notice@mass.gov. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Susan M. Flanagan-Cahill, Deputy General Counsel, Health Policy Commission, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 2026.**

All written or oral comments submitted to the Commission may be posted on the Commission’s website and released in response to a request for public records.

The proposed amended regulation may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <https://masshpc.gov/regulations-guidance>.



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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: Health Policy Commission

Subject Matter of Regulation: Notices of Material Change and Cost and Market Impact Reviews

Regulation No: 958 CMR 7.00

Statutory Authority: M.G.L. c. 6D, §§ 3 & 13

Other Agencies Affected: The Office of the Attorney General and the Center for Health Information and Analysis

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

Describe the Scope and Objectives of the Regulation: 958 CMR 7.00 is authorized by M.G.L. c. 6D, § 13, and the proposed amendments align the regulation with Chapters 343 of the Acts of 2024 and make other operational updates. The regulation describes the process and approach for reviewing Material Change Notices and conducting Cost and Market Impact Reviews.

Business Industry(ies) Affected by the Regulation: 523940, 621111, 621112, 621210, 621310, 621320, 621330, 621340, 621391, 621399, 621410, 621420, 621492, 621493, 621498, 621511, 621512, 621610, 621910, 621999, 622110, 622210, 622310, 623110, Health Care Providers and Provider Organizations.

Types of Businesses Included in the Industry(ies): All organizations in the business of health care delivery or management, including but not limited to Acute Hospitals, Behavioral Health Service Providers, and Physician Groups and any other Provider or Provider Organization with Net Patient Service Revenue of \$25,000,000 or more in the preceding fiscal year.

Total Number of Small Businesses Included in the Regulated Industry(ies): Based on our knowledge of the provider market, it is unclear how many, if any, businesses listed in the SBA Dynamic Small Business Search Page might be subject to 958 CMR 7.00. Providers and Provider Organizations that are subject to the regulation must have \$25 million or more in Net Patient Service Revenue in the preceding fiscal year.

Number of Small Businesses Potentially Subject to the Proposed Regulation: 0

Based on our knowledge of the provider market and a search of the SBA’s online database of self-certified small businesses, it is unclear how many, if any, of the identified small businesses would be subject to 958 CMR 7.00.

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: April 16, 2026

**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.*

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**
It is not clear that any small businesses would be subject to this regulation. If there are any small businesses that are subject to the regulation, they will have to submit notice to the Commission before any proposed Material Changes to operations or governance structure.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**
no
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**
no
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**
no
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**
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
- **Are performance standards more appropriate than design standards?**
no
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?**
no
- **Will the regulation have the effect of creating additional taxes and/or fees for small businesses?**
no
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**
no
- **Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
no
- **Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
no
- **Can the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
no
- **Can the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
no
- **Can the compliance or reporting requirements be consolidated or simplified for small businesses?**
no
- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards?**
no
- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**
It is not clear that any of the identified small businesses would be subject to this regulation.
- **Were any small businesses or small business organizations contacted during the preparation of this document? If so, please describe.**
- It is not clear that any of the identified small businesses would be subject to this regulation.

