

beginning March 30, 2026 and continue until 5:00 P.M. on May 1, 2026. Please submit written comments to Laura Dietz via mail to Department of Conservation and Recreation, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 6620, Boston, Massachusetts 02114 or electronically to regs.comments@state.ma.us.

A copy of the proposed regulation may be viewed on the Department's website (<http://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-agency-regulations>) or obtained from Michael Tencellent by sending a request via e-mail to michael.tencellent@mass.gov.

Small Business Impact Statement

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

Agency: Department of Public Health

CMR No: 801 CMR 4.000: Rates

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: There are approximately 2,600 licensed health care facilities that may need to receive Plan Review approval for renovations to existing facilities. Any new health care facility would be required to receive Plan Review approval for construction of the facility. It is likely that some of these licensed health care facilities may qualify as a small business.

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and does not require small businesses to create, file or issue additional reports.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and does not require small businesses to implement additional recordkeeping procedures.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and 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. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and does not require small businesses to hire additional employees.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and does not require small businesses to hire other professionals.
- **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 to be amended solely addresses fees and does not require small businesses to purchase a product or make 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. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**
No. There are no duplicative or conflicting fee regulations.

- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections, or other regulatory enforcement activities?**
No. The fee amendments do not increase any requirements to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**
No. The fee amendments do not require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements.
- **Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The fee amendments are not likely to deter the formation of small businesses.
- **Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The fee amendments are not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses.
- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees.
- **Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees and does not establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting.
- **Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees.
- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees, which must be set by regulation or statute.
- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**
No. The regulation to be amended solely addresses fees, which must be set by regulation or statute.