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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health (the Department) will hold a public hearing and comment period on the recent amendments, filed on July 7, 2023, to the following regulations:

1. 105 CMR 130.000, *Hospital Licensure*
2. 105 CMR 140.000, *Licensure of Clinics*
3. 105 CMR 141.000, *Licensure of Hospice Programs*
4. 105 CMR 150.000, *Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities*
5. 105 CMR 158.000, *Licensure of Adult Day Health Programs*
6. 105 CMR 170.000, *Emergency Medical Services System*

Additionally, certain Out-of-Hospital Dialysis Units in Massachusetts regulations are tied to the Licensure of Clinics regulations. As such, amendments to the clinic regulations will affect the associated requirements for out-of-hospital dialysis units.

The amendments address vaccinations for personnel of clinics, out-of-hospital dialysis units, hospice programs, hospitals, adult day health programs, emergency medical services, and long-term care facilities, subject to exemptions.

The public hearing will be held on **August 1, 2023, at 10AM**. The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The login information for the moderated conference call is:

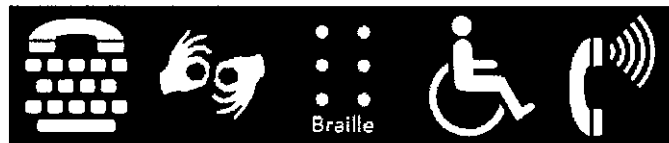
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Copies of the proposed amendments to the referenced regulations may be viewed on the Department's website at <http://mass.gov/dph/proposed-regulations> or requested from the Office of the General Counsel by calling 617-624-5220.

The Department encourages all interested parties, including those who testify at the public hearing, to submit written testimony electronically to Reg.Testimony@mass.gov. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document and type the relevant regulation title (ex. 105 CMR 130, *Hospital Licensure – Vaccination Requirements*) in the subject line of the email. All submitted testimony must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108.

All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2023, the date of the public hearing. All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing or are a person with a disability who requires accommodation, please contact Alex Gomez at least 5 days before the hearing at Tel # 617-624-5928, Fax # 617-624-5075, email Alex.Gomez@mass.gov, or TTY # 617-624-6001.



**Small Business Impact Statement
Hospital Licensure**

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

CMR No: 105 CMR 130.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 121 hospitals in Massachusetts. It is unlikely that any of these businesses qualify as a small business.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? <i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? <i>Yes, small businesses will have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? <i>No, small businesses will not have to provide additional administrative oversight as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? <i>No, small businesses will not have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation.</i>
Yes X	No	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? <i>No, small businesses will not have to hire other professionals.</i>
Yes X	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? <i>No, small businesses will not be required to make any other capital investments in order to comply with this regulation.</i>
Yes X	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.) <i>No - This regulation, which is required by statute, sets forth clear minimum standards to ensure consistency among programs and protect the health and safety of residents.</i>

Yes	No X	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? <i>No, there are no other regulations that duplicate or conflict with the proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes X	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? <i>Yes, this regulation does require small businesses to cooperate with inspections and other regulatory enforcement activities in order for DPH to ensure the health and safety of residents.</i>
Yes	No X	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? <i>No, this regulation does not require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements.</i>
Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? <i>No, this regulation will not deter the opening of additional small businesses in Massachusetts.</i>
Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? <i>This regulation will not encourage the opening of additional small business health care facilities.</i>
Yes	No X	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>No, the reporting requirements are the same for all regulated parties.</i>
Yes	No X	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>No, the compliance standards and reporting requirements are the same for all regulated parties.</i>
Yes	No X	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>No, the compliance standards for and reporting requirements are the same for all regulated parties.</i>
Yes	No X	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? <i>No, this regulation, which is required by statute, sets forth clear minimum standards to ensure consistency among programs, protect the health and safety of residents, and reflect the individualized needs of residents.</i>
Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? <i>No, there are no other alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses.</i>

**Small Business Impact Statement
Licensure of Clinics**

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

CMR No: 105 CMR 140.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 954 clinics and clinic satellites in Massachusetts. It is likely that some identify as a small business, but the exact number is not known.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
X		<i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
X		<i>Yes, small businesses will have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
	X	<i>No, small businesses will not have to provide additional administrative oversight as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
	X	<i>No, small businesses will not have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation.</i>
Yes	No	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
	X	<i>No, small businesses will not have to hire other professionals.</i>
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?
	X	<i>No, small businesses will not be required to make any other capital investments in order to comply with this regulation.</i>
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.)
	X	<i>No - This regulation, which is required by statute, sets forth clear minimum standards to ensure consistency among programs and protect the health and safety of residents.</i>

Yes	No X	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? <i>No, there are no other regulations that duplicate or conflict with the proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes X	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? <i>Yes, this regulation does require small businesses to cooperate with inspections and other regulatory enforcement activities in order for DPH to ensure the health and safety of residents.</i>
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Yes	No X	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? <i>This regulation will not encourage the opening of additional small business health care facilities.</i>
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Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? <i>No, there are no other alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses.</i>

**Small Business Impact Statement
Licensure of Hospice Programs**

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

CMR No: 105 CMR 141.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 93 hospice programs in Massachusetts. It is likely that some identify as a small business, but the exact number is not known.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? <i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? <i>Yes, small businesses will have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? <i>No, small businesses will not have to provide additional administrative oversight as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes	No X	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? <i>No, small businesses will not have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation.</i>
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Yes	No X	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? <i>No, there are no other regulations that duplicate or conflict with the proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
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Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? <i>No, there are no other alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses.</i>

Small Business Impact Statement
Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 105 CMR 150.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 356 nursing homes and 59 rest homes in Massachusetts. It is likely that some identify as a small business, but the exact number is not known.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
X		<i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
X		<i>Yes, small businesses will have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures as a result of proposed amendments to this regulation.</i>
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
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Yes	No X	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? <i>No, there are no other alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses.</i>

**Small Business Impact Statement
Licensure of Adult Day Health Programs**

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

CMR No: 105 CMR 158.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 144 adult day health programs in Massachusetts. It is likely that some identify as a small business, but the exact number is not known.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? <i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
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Small Business Impact Statement
Emergency Medical Services System
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 105 CMR 170.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: *Presently, there are approximately 311 ambulance services in Massachusetts. Most are municipal agencies. Among the private ambulance services, it is likely that some identify as a small business, but the exact number is not known.*

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes X	No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? <i>Yes, small businesses operating as this license type will be required to report COVID-19 vaccination of personnel to the Department.</i>
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