Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold a remote public hearing on Friday, August 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. relative to the proposed repeal of the following regulation.

101 CMR 433.00: Rates for Certain Health and Human Services Programs

There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

101 CMR 433.00 will be repealed effective July 1, 2023. Beginning July 1, 2023, the rates for all services described in 101 CMR 433.00 will revert to the applicable rates set forth in the corresponding "parent" rate regulation for each service.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to ehs-regulations@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the repeal may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To review the proposed repeal, go to www.mass.gov/service-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by email at ADAAccommodations@mass.gov or by phone at (617) 847-3468 (TTY: (617) 847-3788 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled). Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

July 21, 2023

Small Business Impact Statement				
(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)				
CMR No: 101 CMR 433.00				
Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: approximately 200 providers				
Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain				
Yes	No ⊠	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
Yes	No 🖂	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
Yes	No ⊠	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
Yes	No ⊠	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
Yes	No 🗵	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
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? As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
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.) As the regulation is proposed to be rescinded, small businesses are not affected by this action.		
Yes	No ⊠	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.		
Yes	No 🗵	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.		
Yes	No 🖂	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.		
Yes	No ⊠	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.		
Yes	No ⊠	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.		

Yes	No 🗵	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.
Yes	No 🗵	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.
Yes	No 🖂	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.
Yes	No 🗵	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.
Yes	No ⊠	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? N/A. The regulation is proposed to be rescinded.