

Division of Medical Assistance
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Medicaid

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, section 16 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) will hold a remote public hearing on **Friday, October 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

130 CMR 508.000: *MassHealth: Managed Care Requirements*

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2026. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The proposed updates to 130 CMR 508.000: *MassHealth: Managed Care Requirements* align the regulation with Section 45 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025; replace outdated terminology related to One Care Plans and Senior Care Options Plans (SCO) with updated terminology; update eligibility categories for One Care and SCO Plans; update copayment requirements for MassHealth managed care members to align with previous regulation changes for fee-for-service members; clarify requirements for members transferring managed care plans; remove requirement for members who participate in certain home and community based waivers to enroll with the behavioral health contractor; update provision related to fair hearings; shorten the time period available for plans to render standard service authorization decisions, consistent with 42 CFR 438.210; add a severability clause; and make other wording updates.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-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 masshealthpublicnotice@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, October 3, 2025. The Division specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the current draft of the proposed regulation, go to www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-public-hearings.

September 12, 2025

Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 130 CMR 508.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0

Write Yes or No	Explain Briefly
No	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
No	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/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	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
No	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?
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 <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
No	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?

Write Yes or No	Explain Briefly
No	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
No	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
No	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?