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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the regulatory authority found in St. 2006, c. 58, the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority ("Connector") will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following emergency amendments to existing regulations:

956 CMR 12.00 Eligibility, Enrollment, and Hearing Process for Connector Programs

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 is to change the FPL eligibility between ConnectorCare Plan Types 1 and 2 to align with changes in federal law concerning premium tax credit eligibility that take effect January 1, 2026.

The hearing will be held online at the following date and time, and can be accessed using the below information:

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89397042257?pwd=okmo46JeWcMELmoh9SQ29zo8bl2Ymt.1>

Meeting ID: 893 9704 2257

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These amended regulations were approved by the Connector Board on September 11, 2025, on an emergency basis, and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on September 11, 2025. A copy of the amended regulations and hearing rules may be obtained from the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, 100 City Hall Plaza, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 during normal business hours or on the web at www.mahealthconnector.org, by hovering the cursor over "About" and selecting "Rules & Regulations" from the drop down menu. All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should appear for the online hearing at the designated time. Written comments in advance of the hearing and at the hearing are welcome and if mailed, should be sent to the same address - Attention to Andrew R. Egan: Public Comments, or emailed to connector-legal@state.ma.us. Written Comments will be accepted until October 23, 2025 at 4 P.M.



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VIA ELECTRONIC AND MAIL DELIVERY

September 11, 2025

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
State Publication & Regulations Division
One Ashburton Place, Room 1613
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Notice of Public Hearing and Small Business Impact Statement

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed, please find a “Notice of Public Hearing” for amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 – “Eligibility, Enrollment, and Hearing Process for Connector Programs”. These regulations were approved by the Health Connector Board on an emergency basis on September 11, 2025, and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on September 11, 2025. Please also find, enclosed, a “Small Business Impact Statement” addressing the impact, if any, of the proposed amendments to 956 CMR 12.00 on small businesses in the Commonwealth.

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 is to change the federal poverty line eligibility threshold between ConnectorCare Plan Types 1 and 2 to align with changes in federal law concerning premium tax credit eligibility that take effect January 1, 2026. Because these regulations concern the eligibility rules for the Commonwealth’s health insurance affordability program for individuals who do not have access to health insurance from another source, including from their employer, there is no anticipated impact on small businesses, including that there is no projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative cost required for compliance with the amendments.

Because there is no impact on small businesses, there is no distinction between performance standards or design standards. Further, there are no other regulations of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, or any other state agency, which may duplicate or conflict with the amended regulation.

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority does not expect that these amendments will be likely to have any effect on the formation of new business in the state.

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority respectfully requests that the enclosed “Notice of Public Hearing” be published in the next Register. If you have any questions regarding

the enclosed "Notice of Public Hearing" or "Small Business Impact Statement", please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Paper Copy of Public Hearing Notice
 Electronic Copy of Public Hearing Notice
 Sent via Email to regulations@sec.state.ma.us