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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of:

101 CMR 613.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services

The proposed amendments to 101 CMR 613.00 simplify HSN policy and create operational efficiency and administrative simplifications.

To further align HSN rules with rules for MassHealth and Health Connector programs, the proposed amendments limit services for which payment by the HSN is available to hospitals and community health centers (CHCs) to services provided to certain individuals with incomes of no more than 300% FPL. The amendments also update the income range for HSN Partial to 150 – 300% FPL.

To assign appropriate income-based deductibles, the proposed amendments update the HSN deductible applicable to certain payments to hospitals and CHCs to be the greater of the lowest cost ConnectorCare premium or the current HSN deductible calculation, adjusted for the size of the family using MassHealth FPL standards.

To align retroactive coverage for the HSN with retroactive coverage for other MassHealth programs, the proposed amendments also limit the period for which retroactive payment is available to ten days.

In addition, the proposed amendments specify the period for which payment is available from the HSN to hospitals and CHCs for services provided to those also eligible for ConnectorCare to no more than 100 days, after which payment will only be available from the HSN for dental services.

The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than April 1, 2016. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit



electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the e-mail with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by e-mail should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/hhs/public-hearings.html or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

Special accommodation requests may be directed to the Disability Accommodations Ombudsman by e-mail at masshealthhelp@ehs.state.ma.us 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.

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

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