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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 will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following emergency amendments to existing regulations:

956 CMR 3.00 Amendments to Eligibility and Hearing Process for Commonwealth Care

956 CMR 6.00 Amendments to Determining Affordability for the Individual Mandate

The Connector has adopted these amendments to 956 CMR 3.00 as emergency regulations in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, s. 3, having found it necessary to do so to preserve the public health and welfare, to clarify the rights and responsibilities of appellants in the Connector's Commonwealth Care administrative appeals process and to delineate lines of jurisdiction between the Connector and the MassHealth Board of Hearings in eligibility appeals, and to implement an eligibility determination process that meets the requirements of c. 58 of the Acts of 2006.

In accordance with the authority under M.G.L. chapters 111M, 118H, and 176Q, the emergency regulation of 956 CMR 6.00 amends the existing regulations to comply with the individual mandate deadline of December 31, 2007 and to incorporate changes to be consistent with the Department of Revenue regulations on this issue. This regulation arises out of the health care reform enactments in St. 2006, ch. 58, which provide for an individual mandate designed to encourage Massachusetts residents to purchase health insurance.

Scheduled Hearing Date and Location:

956 CMR 3.00

Monday February 4, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m.

**Gardner Auditorium - Massachusetts State House
Boston, MA**

956 CMR 6.00

Monday February 4, 2008, 12:00 p.m.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m.

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These emergency amendments were approved on December 13, 2007. A copy of the emergency amendments 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. All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should appear at the designated place and time. Written comments in advance of the hearing and at the hearings are welcome and if mailed, should be sent to the same address - Attention to Jamie Katz: Public Comments. Written Comments will be accepted until February 4, 2008 at 5 P.M.