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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 Thursday, February 4, at 10:00 AM in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of: **101 CMR 414.00: Rates for Family Stabilization Services.**

The proposed regulation updates the rates to be paid by governmental units for Family Stabilization Services. Rates currently existing under 101 CMR 414.00 are being updated with a cost adjustment factor of 4.19% for rates that were due for review 7/1/2013, a cost adjustment factor of 2.86% for rates that were due for review 1/1/2014, and a cost adjustment factor of 2.98% for rates that were due for review 5/1/2015.

The proposed regulation was filed on an emergency basis with rates effective January 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 Friday, February 12. 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. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/provider/contracting/chap257/proposed-regs-materials.html. 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. [1-15-16]

