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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, s. 16 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 1st Floor, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA relative to the adoption of:

101 CMR 419.00: Rates for Supported Employment Services

101 CMR 419.00 is being amended at this time in accordance with M.G.L. c. 118E, s. 13D (Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), which requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to establish and biennially update the rates to be paid by governmental units for social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for supported employment services are being updated to include an increase by a cost-adjustment-factor (CAF) of 3.18%. The CAF is applied to the current ¼-hour-per-client rate to yield the proposed adjusted ¼-hour-per-client rate. The CAF was determined by using baseline and prospective Massachusetts Economic Indicator data from IHS Economics – Spring 2015 Forecast, optimistic scenario data. The CAF reflects the period between the rates' base year (Calendar Year 2015 Q2) and the prospective period (Calendar Year 2016 through the end of Calendar Year 2017).

The proposed regulation is scheduled to be promulgated no sooner than January 1, 2016. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals that 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 Thursday, November 19, 2015.

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.



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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.

October 23, 2015