

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the proposal of regulation:

957 CMR 11.00: Registered Provider Organizations Reporting Requirements

The proposed regulation, effective January 20, 2017, sets forth the filing requirements for Registered Provider Organizations (RPOs) to report data and information pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C. The proposed regulation specifies various categories of data and information RPOs must provide including information on (1) ownership, governance and operational structure; (2) affiliated health care professionals; (3) licensed facilities; (4) comprehensive financial statements; (5) stop-loss insurance and non-fee-for service payment arrangements; (6) clinical quality, care coordination and patient referrals; (7) expenditures and funding sources; (8) charitable care and community benefit programs; (9) applicable certificates of risk-bearing provider organizations; and (10) discounts, rebates, and other types of refunds and remuneration in exchange for or related to the provision of health care services. RPOs must provide this data and information in accordance with the procedures and specifications of the related Data Submission Manual published in connection with the Massachusetts Registration of Provider Organizations (MA-RPO) Program. The MA-RPO Program is a jointly created and administered program of CHIA and the Health Policy Commission (HPC) in connection with each agency's respective authority relating to RPOs' registration and reporting requirements. Filing deadlines and criteria for waivers are specified in the Data Submission Manual. To promote administrative simplification, when feasible, CHIA may use currently reported and available data from other state entities to satisfy the reporting obligations of RPOs. Further, an administrative fee may be assessed on RPOs to defray the cost of collecting data and information from RPOs.

CHIA is proposing this regulation in order to implement the requirements of M.G.L. c. 12C, which directs CHIA to promulgate regulations requiring RPOs to report data CHIA considers necessary to protect the public's interest in monitoring the financial conditions, organizational structure, business practices and market share of such RPOs. It is anticipated that RPOs will incur minimal administrative costs to comply with these reporting requirements. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns and no fiscal impact on small businesses.

Individuals that notify CHIA of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify CHIA of their intention to testify at the hearing by emailing CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us. Individuals may also submit written testimony to the same email address. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 23, 2016. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Center for Health Information and Analysis or may be viewed on CHIA's website at www.chiamass.gov/regulations.