

## 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 Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of amendments to regulation:

### **957 CMR 2.00: PAYER DATA REPORTING**

The amended regulation, effective April 20, 2018, governs the methodology and filing requirement for health care payers to report Health Status Adjusted Total Medical Expenses, Relative Prices, and Alternative Payment Method information to the Center for Health Information and Analysis pursuant to M.G.L. c 12C. The proposed amendments:

- (1) Integrate prescription drug rebate reporting, newly required by statute as of July 2016, into regulation;
- (2) Integrate revisions and clarifications implemented in previous administrative bulletins (14-02, 14-03, 15-03, 16-04, and 17-03):
  - Requiring payers to attribute members to a primary care provider “to the maximum extent possible” pursuant to M.G.L. c. 176J, § 16;
  - Specifying a minimum number of days for claims run-out periods;
  - Requiring payers to apply incurred but not reported (IBNR) estimates to approximate completed claims for periods that are not yet considered complete;
- (3) Align TME and APM reporting requirements and definitions to enable comparison of these two data sets;
- (4) Align several definitions with other CHIA regulations and M.G.L. Chapter 12C definitions (e.g., alternative payment methods, acute and non-acute hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers);
- (5) Update insurance categories to reflect changes in the market, including the elimination of the Commonwealth Care program; and
- (6) Remove specific reporting deadlines to enable flexibility in data collection timelines. In accordance with current practice, deadlines will be outlined in data specification manuals at least three months in advance.

It is anticipated that payers and providers will incur no additional administrative costs resulting from the proposed changes to this regulation. 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](mailto: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 April 2, 2018. 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](http://www.chiamass.gov/regulations).