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, May 22, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of amendments to regulation:

**957 CMR 3.00: Assessment on Certain Health Care Providers and Surcharge Payors**

The amended regulation, effective June 29, 2018, governs the procedures for assessing and collecting an assessment on Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) and Surcharge Payors to help fund CHIA’s expenses, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 7. The amended regulation also establishes the reporting requirements and related deadlines for Hospitals, ASCs and Surcharge Payors to provide information required to calculate and collect the assessment as well as the time frames for Hospitals, ASCs and Surcharge Payors to submit their assessment payments to CHIA. The procedures and methodology for assessing and collecting the assessment as well as the reporting requirements and payment time frames remain unchanged from those currently in effect and there are no new or additional reporting requirements. As for changes, CHIA has added compliance and penalty provisions consistent with M.G.L. c. 12C, §11 and has made minor updates to the regulation. These changes promote uniformity between the current regulation and other CHIA regulations.

It is anticipated that Hospitals, ASCs and Surcharge Payors 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. 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, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on June 1, 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.