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, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of amendments to regulation:

**957 CMR 5.00: HEALTH CARE CLAIMS, CASE MIX AND CHARGE DATA RELEASE PROCEDURES**

The amended regulation, effective December 29, 2017, governs the disclosure of certain payer data, hospital case mix data and hospital charge data submitted by health care payers and providers pursuant to M.G.L. c 12C. The purpose of 957 CMR 5.00 is to specify (a) the process by which data will be released to certain requesters as required by M.G.L. c 12C and (b) the application and data release process for all other requests for certain payer, hospital case mix and hospital charge data collected and maintained by the Center of Health Information and Analysis. The proposed amendments allow for the request, and production, of a report generated by CHIA that is derived from data contained in the health care claims, case mix and charge data databases. The proposed amendments also make minor updates to the text of the regulation.

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. 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 8, 2017. 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.