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, July 11, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of amendments to regulation:

957 CMR 9.00: Hospital Financial Data Reporting Requirements

The amended regulation, effective August 10, 2018, governs the methodology and filing requirements for hospitals, their parent organizations and physician organizations that are financially consolidated with the same parent organization to report financial data to CHIA pursuant to M.G.L. c 12C. The proposed amendments:

1. Require Acute Hospitals and Parent Organizations to submit a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Operations on a quarterly and annual basis.
2. Require Physician Organizations to file a Statement of Operations on a quarterly basis and annual basis.
3. Remove the requirement for a Statement of Cash Flow for Acute Hospitals and Non-acute Hospitals.
4. Update definitions (including adding a definition for Physician Organization and adding the teaching hospital of the University of Massachusetts Medical School in the definition of Acute Hospital) and clarify filing due dates consistent with current practice.
5. Align the language in the compliance and penalties section with other CHIA regulations.

The proposed revisions will enable CHIA to collect additional information regarding the financial performance of Massachusetts hospitals. It is that anticipated that hospitals, their parent organizations and related physician organizations 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 Monday July 23rd, 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.