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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) located at 501 Boylston Street, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116 will hold a public hearing remotely on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. relative to the adoption of amendments to regulation:

957 CMR 2.00: PAYER DATA REPORTING

The amended regulation, effective November 27, 2020, governs the methodology and filing requirements for health care payers to report Health Status Adjusted Total Medical Expenses (TME), Relative Prices (RP), Alternative Payment Method (APM), and Prescription Drug Rebate information to CHIA. The proposed amendments require health care payers to submit more detailed information about primary care and behavioral health spending in the Commonwealth. This information will provide a foundational data set that can be leveraged and adapted to support future initiatives and policies related to primary care and behavioral health and is responsive to the emerging interest in the Commonwealth to better measure expenditures on primary care and behavioral health services, which comprise an array of vital services that can meaningfully shape patient outcomes and are often associated with lower costs and higher quality.

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, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, October 26, 2020. Copies of the proposed regulation may be requested in writing from CHIA at the email address above or may be viewed on CHIA's website at www.chiamass.gov/regulations.

Due to the coronavirus emergency, CHIA is holding this public hearing remotely on the date and time specified above. Details and instructions for participating and testifying remotely (such as through phone line or online connection) at the remote public hearing are included in this notice below. This notice may also be viewed on CHIA's website at www.chiamass.gov/regulations. If you plan to testify at the remote hearing, CHIA strongly encourages you to register in advance; see above for instructions. CHIA encourages you to submit written testimony in addition to, or instead of, providing testimony at the hearing; see above for instructions. Additionally, requests for copies of the proposed regulation will not be accepted in person. Details for obtaining copies of proposed regulations are set forth above.

To join the remote hearing online, go to <https://zoom.us/j/92888597204?pwd=dEpxNmNQOFYrTGFIUTB6dTVuT0VYZz09>, and enter Meeting ID: 928 8859 7204 and Passcode: 176999. To join the remote hearing by phone, call 1-646-518-9805, and enter Meeting ID: 928 8859 7204 and Password: 176999 when prompted.

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