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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the regulatory authority found in St. 2006, c. 58, the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (“Connector”) will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following proposed amendments to existing regulations:

956 CMR 5.00 *Amendments to Minimum Creditable Coverage*

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 5.00 is to make changes to (1) correct the deductible indexing methodology; (2) clarify criteria for health arrangements provided by religious organizations to satisfy Minimum Creditable Coverage for their members; (3) technical changes to remove outdated references or clarify definitional terms; and (4) reorganize provisions to enhance readability.

956 CMR 12.00 *Amendments to Eligibility, Enrollment and Hearing Process for ConnectorCare*

The purpose of the amendments to existing regulation 956 CMR 12.00 is to change the title to “Eligibility, Enrollment and Hearing Process for Connector Programs,” and to add in provisions accounting for all Health Connector Programs, including its non-group health insurance programs other than ConnectorCare, its small group health insurance program, and dental insurance. Other changes also update the regulations to remove unnecessary provisions, clean up ambiguous language regarding the effective date of certain eligibility changes, codify current appeals processes and standards, update and clarify premium processes, and correct typos.

Scheduled Hearing Date and Location:

**Monday, November 25th, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Registration Begins at 9:15 a.m.)
McCormack Building, 21st Floor
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108**

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These proposed amended regulations were approved by the Connector Board on October 10, 2011 and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before October 25, 2019. A copy of the proposed amended regulations and hearing rules may be obtained from the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, 100 City Hall Plaza, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 during normal business hours or on the web at www.mahealthconnector.org, hovering the cursor over “About” and selecting “Rules & Regulations” from the drop down menu. All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should appear at the designated place and time. Written comments in advance of the hearing and at the hearings are welcome and if mailed, should be sent to the same address - Attention to Andrew Egan: Public Comments. Or emailed to connector-legal@state.ma.us. Written Comments will be accepted until November 25, 2019 at 4 P.M.