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State House, Room 212
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Chair Aaron Michlewitz
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
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Chair Cindy F. Friedman
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Health
Care Financing
State House, Room 313
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Chair John H. Lawn, Jr.
House Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care
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State House, Room 236
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Dear Chairs Rodrigues, Michlewitz, Friedman, and Lawn,

Section 6 of Chapter 118E of the Massachusetts General Laws requires that the Office of Medicaid report on the previous year's activities of the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC).

Over the last year, this committee has been on a temporary hold as MassHealth works to implement the requirements of a new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) final rule: Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule, 89 FR 40542 (2024 Access Final Rule).

MassHealth is working to convene a newly formed MassHealth Program Advisory Committee, which will fulfill the requirements of the Medical Care Advisory Committee. MassHealth held a procurement to select new stakeholder members of the committee and will hold its first meeting in the fall of 2025. We look forward to reporting on the progress of the new MassHealth Program Advisory Committee in 2026.

Please contact Sarah Nordberg-Dunlea at Sarah.Nordberg@mass.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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