



NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

In furtherance of Section 15 of Chapter 6D of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Health Policy Commission (HPC) will hold a public listening session regarding proposed updates to the ACO Certification program for 2019-2020. The proposed updates are detailed in a Request for Public Comment posted on the HPC's [website](#).

Scheduled listening session date and location:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 10:00 AM
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

The listening session will focus on the following questions related to the proposed program updates:

- Do the proposed 2019 Assessment Criteria reflect reasonable expectations for ACO capabilities in important operational areas? If not, how should they be modified?
- Do the proposed 2019 Supplemental Questions in each category reflect the topics of greatest importance? If not, how should they be modified? Which of the proposed questions are the most important in each category?
- Are the certification criteria appropriate for ACOs of varying types, sizes, levels of experience, etc., and all ACO patient populations? If not, why, and how should they be modified?
- Do you support the proposed Distinction program for certified ACOs that recognizes performance improvement in health outcomes, care, cost, and health equity? If not, how should it be modified?

The HPC also encourages all interested parties to submit written testimony and comments on the proposed program updates to the following address: HPC-Certification@mass.gov. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Catherine Harrison, Deputy Policy Director, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 8, 2019.**

All written comments submitted to the HPC may be posted on the HPC's website and released in response to a request for public records.

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