

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council (Oversight Council) of the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) will hold a public hearing on CHIA's upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget. The purpose of this hearing is to afford all interested members of the public the opportunity to provide oral and/or written comment on the Oversight Council's proposed budget for CHIA.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
One Ashburton Place, Ashburton Café
Boston, MA 02108
3:00 p.m.

The Oversight Council is proposing a FY2018 direct appropriation budget of \$27,631,406. Up to \$1,563,617 of the proposed amount has been designated for the operations of the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction which was reestablished within CHIA in 2012. Further, the Oversight Council is proposing a \$1,000,000 retained revenue account to help fund the development, operation and maintenance of the All Payer Claims Database (APCD).

Individuals who notify the Oversight Council of their intention to provide oral comment at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Interested parties may register to speak by emailing CHIA-Legal@state.ma.us. All others will be allowed to sign up to provide comments on a first-come basis the day of the hearing.

Written comments will also be accepted at the same email address through Friday, May 5, 2017.

Individuals who are unable to submit written comments by email should mail the Center for Health Information and Analysis, 501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Oversight Council. Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, March 24, 2017.

This hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C, §2A.

CHIA's mission is to be the agency of record for Massachusetts health care information, to responsibly steward sensitive and confidential data, and to objectively report reliable and meaningful information about the quality, affordability, utilization, access, and outcomes of the Massachusetts health care system.