



Dear Members,

GAFC has been operating under guidelines and a set rate. Regulations to replace those guidelines, and a new rate, have been announced and will go into effect July 1. Mass-ALA submitted verbal and written testimony in response to the proposed regulations and rate increase, advocating for a larger rate increase and for changes to the regulations allowing LPNs to be allowed to provide services within their scope of practice, and creating clearer distinctions between the GAFC and AFC programs. We are pleased to share that the final rate and regulations took into account several of our requested changes. At bottom, you will find links to the full documents. Here is a summary of what changed from the guidelines and from the initially proposed rate and regulations:

- clarified distinctions between the AFC and GAFC program models
- incorporating the option for GAFC providers to use LPNs (under the supervision of the provider RN) for certain provider requirements that under the initial proposed regulations would have been allowed to be done only by RNs
- promoting access to GAFC services for members who require a lower level of personal care assistance and in a greater array of settings
- an increase in the per diem reimbursement amount from \$40.33 to \$43.53, which represents an increase from the initially proposed rate of \$41.92, based on the state's responsiveness to testimony from Mass-ALA and providers about the need for a higher rate
- an increase from the original proposed investment of an additional \$3 million by another \$3 million, bringing the total additional investment to \$6 million

The regulations, including revisions, are being promulgated with an effective date of July 1, 2022.

You may access the regulations here.

[130 CMR 408.000: Adult Foster Care | Mass.gov](#)

Additionally, you may access the rates here.

[101 CMR 351.00: Rates for Certain Adult Foster Care Services | Mass.gov](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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