

Dear Members.

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) set a crucial deadline for collecting cost reports for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 from Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) providers, which was *May 10, 2024*. These reports, collected under regulation 957 CMR 6.00, are significant in monitoring costs and developing healthcare payment policies. It's important to note that dual providers of Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) and Adult Foster Care (AFC) services must file separate cost reports. *However, as of Wednesday, GAFC program staff reported that only 28 GAFC providers have submitted their required reports. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in a \$5,000 penalty per individual GAFC provider ALR.* Therefore, providers must submit their reports and all supplemental items directly to CHIA at data@chiamass.gov.

GAFC providers are required to submit the following:

- The FY2023 GAFC Cost Report
- FY2023 Financial Statements
- A Statement of Certification

If you have not submitted this required report, please email CHIA at Costreports.Pricing@chiamass.gov with the following information in the subject line of your email:

- Name of your agency with MassHealth ID #
- 2. Name of the cost report you are asking about
- 3. Cost report reporting year

Subject Line Example: Question on FY2023 GAFC Cost Report – ABC agency, ID# 123456789A

Here are some useful links:

- https://www.chiamass.gov/group-adult-foster-care-cost-reports-2/
- FY23 GAFC Cost Report Instructions (PDF) | Word
- FY23 GAFC Cost Report Template (Excel)
- FY23 GAFC Exemption Request Form (Word)
- FY20 GAFC Cost Report Webinar Recording 8/24/21

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

This update is solely for general informational purposes. It is not intended to replace a full review of the cited regulations or guidance.

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