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**TO:** Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Wendy E. Warring, Commissioner  
**RE:** **Babies Born to Women on MassHealth Limited**

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**Background**

Effective June 8, 2001, the Division has revised its regulations to provide automatic eligibility for MassHealth Standard to babies born to women receiving MassHealth Limited on the date of the child's birth. The child is automatically eligible for MassHealth Standard for one year from the date of birth provided the child continues to live with the mother.

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**How to Process**

The process by which babies born to MassHealth-eligible mothers are covered by MassHealth remains the same, and is accomplished in one of the two following ways.

- The hospital or managed care organization (MCO) must submit a Notification of Birth (NOB) form (NOB-1) for the newborn to the NOB Unit in the Springfield MassHealth Enrollment Center (MEC). The NOB Unit enters the baby on the Division's computer system according to the information provided by the hospital or MCO on the NOB-1 form.
  - A MassHealth member may request MassHealth coverage for a newborn baby by notifying his or her MEC. The MEC follows the procedures that are currently in place.
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**Questions**

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