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**TO:** Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Tom Dehner, Medicaid Director TD  
**RE:** Revised Medical Benefit Request Form

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**Background**

MassHealth, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the Connector), has revised the Medical Benefit Request (MBR), effective January 2008, in an effort to capture applicant information to appropriately determine eligibility for Commonwealth Care.

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**MBR Changes**

The MBR contains the following changes.

- **Instruction page:** added instructions for completing new health-insurance section and information about “out-of-pocket expenses.”
- **HIV Information Section:** question moved from page two to page five.
- **Working Section:** revised questions determine access to employer-subsidized health insurance.
- **Nonworking Section:**
  - title of section renamed “Nonworking and Students”;
  - added questions to determine potential access to Massachusetts Division of Unemployment Assistance Medical Security Program (MSP) and Division of Health Care Finance and Policy Qualifying Student Health Insurance Plan (QSHIP); and
  - added additional space for a second applicant to respond to questions.
- **Health Insurance Section:**
  - **Part A** replaces former Supplement A, “Health Insurance Questions”; and
  - **Part B** has two new questions to determine access to the Fishing Partnership Health Plan (FPHP) and TRICARE.
- **Supplements:** deleted former Supplement A, “Health Insurance Questions,” and reordered the remaining supplements:
  - Supplement A: Injury, Illness, and Disability;
  - Supplement B: Absent Parent; and
  - Supplement C: Immigration.

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***Virtual Gateway (VG)  
Changes***

Effective January 26, 2008, the Virtual Gateway will collect additional information from applicants about access to health insurance. These enhancements correspond to the changes made to the paper MBR.

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***Supplies and Use  
Of New Forms***

Supplies of the new MBR are available. Providers can order copies of the MBR through MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900 or by e-mailing a request to [publications@mahealth.net](mailto:publications@mahealth.net).

When you receive a supply of the revised MBR, please recycle earlier versions.

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***Questions***

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to [providersupport@mahealth.net](mailto:providersupport@mahealth.net), or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.

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