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

Background

Effective July 1, 2006, Massachusetts requires individuals who claim to be U.S. citizens or nationals to provide acceptable documentation of their citizenship and identity. This one-time verification is required during either the initial application process for new applicants or the MassHealth annual eligibility redetermination process for members who have not previously provided the documentation.

In an effort to assist individuals in providing acceptable documentation of citizenship, MassHealth will institute an automated match process with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Registry of Vital Records and Statistics (RVRS) to certify citizenship for a Massachusetts-born applicant or member, upon his or her request. The Medical Benefit Request (MBR) and Senior Medical Benefit Request (SMBR) have been revised to collect additional information to support the match process.

Changes to MassHealth Publications

MassHealth publications that were revised in August 2008 have been updated to allow a Massachusetts-born applicant to request assistance in certifying U.S. citizenship through RVRS. The following publications have been updated.

- Medical Benefit Request (MBR) form — a new Supplement D entitled “Help Getting Proof of U.S. Citizenship for Persons Born in Massachusetts” has been added.
 - Senior Medical Benefit Request (SMBR) form — a new Supplement B entitled “Help Getting Proof of U.S. Citizenship for Persons Born in Massachusetts” has been added.
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Virtual Gateway Updates

Effective September 7, 2008, the Virtual Gateway will begin collecting additional information from Massachusetts-born applicants who request assistance in obtaining citizenship verification through RVRS. These enhancements correspond to the changes made to the paper MBR and SMBR.

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***Supplies and Use of
Revised Forms***

Supplies of the revised MBR and SMBR are now available. To order supplies, call 1-800-841-2900 or e-mail your request to publications@mahealth.net.

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

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, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.
