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TO: Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Terence G. Dougherty, Medicaid Director *TGD*
RE: Revised Medical Benefit Request Form

Background

MassHealth has revised the Medical Benefit Request (MBR) form to capture applicant information needed to determine eligibility for MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, and Health Safety Net benefits. As a result of the changes to the MBR, MA21, the Virtual Gateway Common Intake Application, and MassHealth notices have also been revised.

MBR Changes

The revised MBR contains the following changes:

- **Working section:** The questions were revised to include applicants' responses about employment in the last 12 months (formerly in the "Not Working or College Student" section).
 - **Not Working or College Student section:** This section has been removed. The questions have been relocated to other sections of the application.
 - **Nonworking Income section:** This section has been revised to capture information about income from unemployment compensation (formerly in the "Not Working or College Student" section). In addition, a new question has been added to capture information about rental income.
 - **College Students section:** This new section captures information related to the availability of health insurance due to enrollment in a college or university (formerly in the "Not Working or College Student" section).
 - **Health Insurance — Part B: Subsidized Health Insurance section:** New questions have been added to capture details about the uniformed services.
 - **Injury, Illness, or Disability section:** This section has been revised, removing the second and third questions and inserting a new question about accident or injury.
 - **Supplement A — Accident or Injury section:** This section has been reformatted.
 - **Obsolete Question:** The question "Is your spouse working more than 100 hours a month?" has been removed from the MBR. MA21 will determine this by looking at family group relationships and EIN information.
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Supplies

To order supplies of the revised MBR (dated 03/10), call 1-800-841-2900 or e-mail your request to publications@mahealth.net.

Please continue to use the previous version of the MBR until your supply is exhausted.

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.
