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TO: Community Health Center Providers Participating in MassHealth

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RE: **Updated Massachusetts Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2)**

Background

MassHealth has updated the application for health benefits for seniors and people needing long-term-care services. The Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2), revised in March 2019, is for the following populations in Massachusetts:

- an individual 65 years of age or older who is living at home and
 - is not the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with the individual; or
 - is not an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years of age when neither parent is living in the home; or
 - is disabled and is either employed 40 hours or more a month or is currently employed and has been employed for at least 240 hours in the six months immediately before the month of application; or
- an individual of any age who needs long-term-care services in a medical institution or a nursing facility; or
- an individual who is eligible under certain programs to get long-term-care services to live at home; or
- a member of a married couple living together and
 - both spouses are applying for health coverage;
 - there are no children younger than 19 years of age living with the couple; and
 - one spouse is 65 years of age or older and the other spouse is younger than 65 years of age.

An individual 65 years of age or older should complete the Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3) if he or she meets any of the following exceptions. The individual

- is the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with him or her; or
- is an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years of age when neither parent is living in the home.

Summary of Changes

Below is a summary of changes made in the March 2019 version of the SACA-2.

- Added language on the Instructions page in the section “Who can Use This Application” to include persons age 65 or older who may qualify for CommonHealth as working disabled individuals.

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Summary of Changes (cont.)

- Page 1, questions 3 and 4: changed home address to street address and changed suite to unit number.
- Page 2 (question 5) and page 7 (question 15): clarified language about the requirement for a social security number for those applying for MassHealth Premium Assistance.
- Page 2 (question 6b) and page 7 (question 16b): added “tax” before year.
- Page 3 (question 8e) and page 8 (question 18e): added new question about trafficking.
- Page 4 (question 14) and page 8 (question 24): deleted “incarcerated and replaced it with “jail or prison.”
- Page 4 (question 21) and page 9 (question 31): revised questions about income.
- Page 4 (questions 20 and 21) and page 9 (questions 30 and 31): added question about steady income.
- Page 5 (question 27) and page 10 (question 37): deleted “month received” for each type of Other Income.
- Page 6 (questions 29 and 30) and page 10 (questions 39 and 40): added section for one-time income.
- Pages 6 and 11: removed “Domestic Production Activities” from Deductions.
- Page 18: added Emancipated Minor section.

How to Apply

The March 2019 version of the SACA-2 is currently available.

To apply, members can use any of the options below.

Mail the filled-out, signed application to

MassHealth Enrollment Center
Central Processing Unit
P.O. Box 290794
Charlestown, MA 02129-0214.

Fax the filled-out, signed application to (617) 887-8799.

Visit a MassHealth Enrollment Center (MEC) to apply in person.

Supplies and Use of Earlier Versions of the SACA-2

The October 2018 version of the SACA-2 is now obsolete. MassHealth will not accept previous versions of the SACA-2 after May 1, 2019.

Please order your supplies of the March 2019 SACA packets (containing the application, booklet, and Voter Registration form) through normal channels if you have not already done so. Please limit your order to a 3-4 month supply. Application packets are updated frequently, and it is important to distribute only the most up-to-date version.

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Supplies and Use of Earlier Versions of the SACA-2 (cont.)

When you receive a supply of the March 2019 version of the SACA-2, please recycle earlier versions of the form.

Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

The new Senior Guide to Health Care Coverage (SACA-1) and the SACA-2 can be viewed and printed from the MassHealth website. Instructions and other information are available. Go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/insurance/apply-for-health-coverage/applications-for-seniors-and-people-who-need-lt-care.html.

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Questions

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