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TO: Acute Inpatient Hospital Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Updated Application Packet for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2-Packet)

Background

MassHealth has updated the application packet for health benefits for seniors and people needing long-term-care services. The application packet for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2), revised March 2021, 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 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
- 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.

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Summary of Changes

MassHealth updated the March version of the SACA-1 to reflect the 2021 Federal Poverty Level guidelines. The application (SACA-2) has not changed, except for the date in the tracking code on the base of the pages.

Supplies and Use of Previous Versions of the SACA-1 and 2

The previous version of the application (SACA-1) may be accepted until March 31, 2021

When you receive a supply of the March 2021 version of the SACA-1 and 2, please recycle previous versions of the booklet and form. Although the previous versions will be accepted until March 31 2021 they should **not** be distributed to the public once the new version has been received.

How to Apply

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

Mail the filled-out, signed application to:

MassHealth Enrollment Center

P.O. Box 290794

Charlestown, MA 02129-0214.

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

Because of the public health emergency, the MassHealth Enrollment Centers (MECs) are currently closed. For current information, visit the MassHealth COVID-19 page at www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-applicants-and-members

Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

You may access the new SACA-1 and SACA-2 on the MassHealth website. Go to www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-coverage-for-seniors-and-people-of-any-age-who-need-long-term-care

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Questions

If you have questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, email your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to (617) 988-8974.