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TO: Acute Inpatient Hospital Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Amanda Cassel Kraft, Acting Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

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

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 July 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

The following changes were made in the July 2021 version of the SACA-2:

- Added language on the instruction page and on page 1 of the application so MassHealth applicants can use the MassHealth application to also apply for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Added the rights and responsibilities of the SNAP program, and updated the language on the signature page of the application.
- Removed question 20 for each Persons 1 and 2: “Is your income steady from month to month.”
- Added question to Yearly Income for Persons 1 and 2: “Did you receive unemployment income in 2021”? This was added to comply with the American Rescue Plan implementation. The law provides access to \$0 plans for people who have received or been approved to receive unemployment for any week of 2021.

Supplies and Use of Previous Version of the SACA- 2

The previous version of the application (SACA-2) may be accepted until July 31, 2021. When you receive a supply of the July 1, 2021 version of the SACA-2, please recycle the previous version of the booklet and form. Although the previous version will be accepted until July 31, 2021 it 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.

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

The MassHealth Enrollment Centers (MECs) are open for transactions that cannot be completed online, by phone, or by mail only. Please help maintain the safety of our staff and public by visiting our online reservation system. Go to mass.gov/masshealth/appointment to make a reservation for one of our open MECs. For questions, call (800) 841-2900 or TTY (800) 497-4648.

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Application on the MassHealth Website

You may access the 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.

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