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## **Acute Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 199**

**DATE:** March 2025

**TO:** Acute Inpatient Hospitals Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: Updated Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3)**

### **Background**

MassHealth has updated the Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3). The application packet, most recently revised in March 2025, is for the following populations in Massachusetts.

- People younger than 65 who do not need long-term-care services, either in a nursing facility or in the community
- Parents of children younger than 19
- Adult relatives living with or taking care of children younger than 19 (regardless of the age of the parent or adult relative) when neither parent is living in the home

People in the following categories will need to fill out the Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2).

- People 65 or older, including those applying with a spouse who is younger than 65
- People of any age who need long-term-care services, either in a nursing facility or in the community

### **Summary of Changes**

- Updated SNAP checkbox language to facilitate processing
- Updated language on question 11 to conform to the online application
- Added language to Step 5: “Your Household’s Health Coverage” about information sharing requirements
- Removed language about a state employee benefit plan that is no longer available
- Added new language about estate recovery to numbers 10 and 11 of Step 8 (signature page)
- Added new language about information sharing to number 13 of Step 8 (signature page)
- Updated immigration document types to conform to the online application

## Supplies and Use of Revised Forms

The March 2025 version of the ACA-3 is currently available.

MassHealth will continue to review previous versions of the ACA-3, when applicable.

## How to Apply

Applicants can use any of the following options.

Individuals are encouraged to apply online at [MAhealthconnector.org](https://MAhealthconnector.org). Applying online may be the fastest way to get coverage.

Mail the filled-out, signed application to

Health Insurance Processing Center  
PO Box 4405  
Taunton, MA 02780

Fax the filled-out, signed application to (857) 323-8300.

To apply by phone, applicants can call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, TDD/TTY: 711. They can also call the Health Connector at (800) MA ENROLL ([800] 623-6765).

Go to [mass.gov/masshealth/appointment](https://mass.gov/masshealth/appointment) to make a reservation for a phone or video appointment.

The MassHealth Enrollment Centers (MECs) are open, and we encourage applicants or members to schedule an appointment. For questions, call (800) 841-2900, TDD/TTY: 711.

## Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

The new application (ACA-3) can be downloaded from the MassHealth website.

Go to [mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-applications](https://mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-applications).

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## Questions?

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