# Acute Inpatient Hospital Bulletin 200



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

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

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

## Background

MassHealth has updated the Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2). Revised March 2025, the application is for the following populations in Massachusetts.

* A person who is 65 or older and living at home and
  + is not the live-in parent of a child younger than 19; or
  + is not an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years old when neither parent is living in the home; or
  + is disabled and working 40 hours or more a month or is currently working and has worked at least 240 hours in the six months immediately before the month of application; or
  + has received the MassHealth CommonHealth benefit for 10 years, regardless of employment status.
* A person of any age who needs long-term-care services in a medical institution or a nursing facility.
* A person who is eligible under certain programs to get long-term care services to live at home.
* A member of a married couple living together and
  + both spouses are applying for health coverage;
  + there are no children younger than 19 years old living with the couple; and
  + one spouse is 65 or older and the other spouse is younger than 65 years old.

A person 65 or older should complete the Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3) if they meet any of the following exceptions.

* They are a parent of a child younger than 19 years old who lives with them.
* They are an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years old when neither parent is living in the home.

## Summary of Changes

The following changes were made in the March 2025 version of the SACA-2.

* Removed questions regarding Third Party Recovery
* Updated the Immigration Documents list
* Updated the Department of Transitional Assistance Rights and Responsibilities language for the SNAP program and the applicable checkbox
* Updated language on Step 9 regarding Breast and Cervical Cancer
* Added language to Step 5: “Your Household’s Health Coverage” about information sharing requirements
* Added new language about estate recovery to number 12 of Step 8 (signature page)

## Supplies and Use of Previous Version of the SACA-2

The March 2025 version of the SACA-2 is now available.

MassHealth will continue to review previous versions of the SACA-2, when applicable.

## How to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at [MAhealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org/). Applying online may be the fastest way to get coverage.

Applicants may also use any of the following options.

**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**.**

**Call** the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, TDD/TTY: 711 or the Health Connector at (800) MA ENROLL ([800-623-6765]).

Go to [mass.gov/masshealth/appointment](http://www.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.

## Application on the MassHealth Website

You may access the SACA-2 on the MassHealth website. Go to [mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-coverage-for-seniors-and-people-of-any-age-who-need-long-term-care](file:///C:\Users\KHSchooling\Desktop\Projects\Ongoing\4879-80_SACA%201%20and%202\3-Final%20Docs\Final%20Review\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?

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