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**TO**: Community Health Center Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM**: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [Signature of Daniel Tsai]

# 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 for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2), revised in 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.

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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
* 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

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-2) may be accepted until April 30, 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 April 30, 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](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-applicants-and-members)Location of Printable

## Application on the MassHealth Website

The new SACA-1 and SACA-2 can be viewed and printed from the MassHealth website. Instructions and other information are available. Go to [www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-coverage-for-seniors-and-people-of-any-age-who-need-long-term-care](https://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.