




MassHealth
Community Health Center Bulletin 119
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TO: Community Health Centers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

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

Background

MassHealth has updated the application 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 August 2023, is for the following populations in Massachusetts:

- A person 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 person; 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
- a person of any age who needs long-term care services in a medical institution or a nursing facility; or
- a person 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.

A person 65 years of age 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. The person is

- the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with them; 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

The following changes were made in the August 2023 version of the SACA-2:

- Added health equity questions for each person
- Updated the race ethnicity options
- Updated the Department of Transitional Assistance Rights and Responsibilities language for the SNAP program

Supplies and Use of Previous Version of the SACA 2

The March 2022 version of the SACA-2 will be accepted through March 31, 2024.

How to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at www.MAhealthconnector.org. Applying online is 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 (617) 887-8799.
- **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 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 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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- contact the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, TDD/ TTY 711,
- email your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or
- fax your inquiry to (617) 988-8974.