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# Community Health Center Bulletin 119

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**TO**: Community Health Centers 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 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](http://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](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 [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, TDD/ TTY 711,
* email your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or
* fax your inquiry to (617) 988‑8974.