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TO: Community Health Centers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth Who 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
 - o is not the live-in parent of a child younger than 19; or
 - o 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
 - o both spouses are applying for health coverage;
 - o there are no children younger than 19 years old living with the couple; and
 - o 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.

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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 <u>MAhealthconnector.org</u>. 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 <u>mass.gov/masshealth/appointment</u> 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 <u>mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-coverage-for-seniors-and-people-of-any-age-who-need-long-term-care</u>.

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- Call MassHealth at (800) 841-2900, TDD/TTY: 711
- Email us at provider@masshealthquestions.com

