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## **Community Health Center Bulletin 129**

**DATE:** August 2026

**TO:** Community Health Centers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Ryan Schwarz, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: Updated Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3)**

### **Background**

MassHealth has updated the Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3). The application packet, most recently revised in August 2026, is for the following populations in Massachusetts.

- People younger than 65 who do not need long-term-care services, either in a nursing facility or in the community
- Parents of children younger than 19
- Adult relatives living with or taking care of children younger than 19 (regardless of the age of the parent or adult relative) when neither parent is living in the home

People in the following categories will need to fill out the Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2).

- People 65 or older, including those applying with a spouse who is younger than 65
- People of any age who need long-term-care services, either in a nursing facility or in the community

### **Summary of Changes**

- Updated question number 14 of Step 2 to comply with federal legislation in Public Law (P.L.) 119- 21, otherwise known as the “Working Families Tax Cut” (WFTC), or the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (OB3). The question asks if an applicant is a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR or green card holder), a Cuban-Haitian Entrant (CHE), or a Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrant. Massachusetts Health Connector will begin using this question during their 2027 open enrollment period, which begins on August 15, 2026. For MassHealth, eligibility changes related to this question will not take effect until October 1, 2026.
- Edited for grammar, consistency, and plain language

## Supplies and Use of Revised Forms

The August 2026 version of the ACA-3 is currently available.

MassHealth will continue to review previous versions of the ACA-3, when applicable.

## How to Apply

Applicants can use any of the following options.

Individuals are encouraged to apply online at [MAhealthconnector.org](https://MAhealthconnector.org). Applying online may be the fastest way to get coverage.

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.

To apply by phone, applicants can call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, TDD/TTY: 711. They can also call the Health Connector at (800) MA ENROLL ([800] 623-6765).

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

## Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

The new application (ACA-3) can be downloaded from the MassHealth website.

Go to [mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-applications](https://mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-applications).

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## Questions?

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- Email us at [provider@masshealthquestions.com](mailto:provider@masshealthquestions.com)