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

**FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

**RE:** **Updated Massachusetts Application for Health Coverage 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 in July 2019, 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.

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**

The following changes were made in the July 2019 version of the SACA-2.

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- Added language that directs applicants where to find information in the Senior Guide to Health Care Coverage (SACA-1) about how to apply for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).
- Updated allowable deductions to align with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

### **Supplies and Use of Revised Forms**

The July 2019 version of the SACA-2 is currently available. Supplies of the updated SACA-2 may be obtained through the normal channels.

The March 2019 version of the SACA-2 can continue to be used until supplies are depleted.

### **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.

**Visit** a MassHealth Enrollment Center (MEC) to apply in person.

### **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](http://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 any 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](mailto:providersupport@mahealth.net), or fax your inquiry to (617) 988-8974.