



Eligibility Letter 251

DATE: January 2026

TO: MassHealth Staff

FROM: Elizabeth LaMontagne, Chief Operating Officer

RE: **Revised Regulation 130 CMR 501: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: General Policies***

Background

MassHealth has updated 130 CMR 501: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: General Policies*.

This regulation amendment includes the following changes.

- **Case File:** MassHealth is removing language indicating that member account documentation is "permanent" to account for federal rules on case file retention.
- **Continuous Eligibility:** MassHealth is making changes to conform with 130 CMR 505.000 to reflect new continuous eligibility benefits for certain populations.
- **Disabled:** To reflect current practice, MassHealth is amending the definition of "disabled" to align with the federal definition in Title XVI of the Social Security Act.
- **Federal Poverty Level (FPL):** MassHealth is amending the regulation to reflect current practice, where MassHealth implements annual federal poverty level increases on March 1 of each year to align with updates published in the Federal Register.
- **Emergency Aid to the Elderly Disabled and Children (EAEDC):** All members enrolled in MassHealth based on their EAEDC eligibility are enrolled in MassHealth Standard or Family Assistance.
- **Recoupment of Overpayments:** MassHealth is removing language reserving the right to recoup overpayment for medical services. This aligns with recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidance and does not preclude MassHealth from recovering within the limits set by federal law.

These regulations are effective February 13, 2026.

MassHealth Website

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New Material

The pages listed here contain new or revised language.

Regulation 130 CMR 501: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: General Policies*

Pages 1 through 26

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

Regulation 130 CMR 501: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: General Policies*

Pages 501.000 through 501.015 — transmitted by Eligibility Letter 225

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