



Eligibility Letter 253

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TO: MassHealth Staff

FROM: Elizabeth LaMontagne, Chief Operating Officer

RE: **Revised Regulation 130 CMR 503: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements***

Background

MassHealth has updated its regulations at 130 CMR 503: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*.

This regulation amendment includes the following change.

- **Utilization of potential other benefits:** Under federal law, MassHealth is eliminating the requirement that individuals apply for other cash benefits to which they may be entitled as a condition of Medicaid eligibility (e.g., Social Security, retirement benefits).

These regulations are effective February 13, 2026.

MassHealth Website

This Eligibility Letter is available on the MassHealth website at [MassHealth Eligibility Letters](#).

New Material

The pages listed here contain new or revised language.

Regulation 130 CMR 503: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*

Pages 1 through 8

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

Regulation 130 CMR 503: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*

Pages 503.00 through 503.008 — transmitted by Eligibility Letter 226

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