



Eligibility Letter 254

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TO: MassHealth Staff

FROM: Elizabeth LaMontagne, Chief Operating Officer

RE: **Revised regulation 130 CMR 505: Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Coverage Types**

Background

MassHealth has updated its regulations at 130 CMR 505: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Coverage Types*.

This regulation amendment includes the following changes.

- **Continuous Eligibility:** MassHealth provides 12-months continuous coverage regardless of change in circumstances for children younger than 19 and individuals released from a correctional institution and 24-months continuous coverage regardless of change in circumstances for all homeless individuals.
- **Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) Start Date:** A member's 12-month TMA period begins the month after a state determines that an individual has experienced a TMA-qualifying event and has provided the individual with advance notice.
- **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.
- **CommonHealth:** CommonHealth members younger than 65 are not required to work or meet a one-time deductible.

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 505: Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Coverage Types

Pages 1 through 26

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

Regulation 130 CMR 505: *Health Care Reform: MassHealth: Coverage Types*

Pages 505.000 through 505.007 — transmitted by Eligibility Letter 246

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