



Eligibility Letter 256

DATE: February 2026

TO: MassHealth Staff

FROM: Elizabeth LaMontagne, Chief Operating Officer

RE: **Revised Regulation 130 CMR 516.000: *MassHealth: The Eligibility Process***

Background

MassHealth has updated its regulations at 130 CMR 516.000: *MassHealth: The Eligibility Process*. This regulation amendment includes the following changes.

- **Coverage Start Dates:** MassHealth is amending start date provisions to conform to changes to 130 CMR 519, fixing a circular cross-reference between 130 CMR 516 and 130 CMR 519.
- ***Ex Parte* Renewals:** MassHealth performs annual autorenewals at the individual member level instead of by household.

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 516.000: *MassHealth: The Eligibility Process*

Pages 1 through 8

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

Regulation 130 CMR 516.000: *MassHealth: The Eligibility Process*

Pages 516.000 through 516.008—transmitted by Eligibility Letter 224

Please note: Eligibility Letters no longer include the updated regulation pages. Updated regulations are on our [member eligibility regulations](#) page.