



Eligibility Letter 257

DATE: February 2026

TO: MassHealth Staff

FROM: Elizabeth LaMontagne, Chief Operating Officer

RE: **Revised Regulation 130 CMR 517.000: *MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements***

Background

MassHealth has updated its regulations at 130 CMR 517.000: *MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*. This regulation amendment includes the following change.

Utilization of potential other benefits: Pursuant to 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 517.000: *MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*

Pages 1 through 9

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

Regulation 130 CMR 517.000: *MassHealth: Universal Eligibility Requirements*

Pages 517.000 through 517.012—transmitted by Eligibility Letter 227

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