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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: **Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2)**

Background

MassHealth has updated the application for health benefits for seniors and people needing long-term-care services. The Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2), revised in March 2020, is intended for the following populations in Massachusetts:

- an individual 65 years of age or older who is living at home and
  - is not the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with the individual; or
  - is not an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years of age when neither parent is living in the home; or
  - is disabled and is either employed 40 hours or more a month or is currently employed and has been employed for at least 240 hours in the six months immediately before the month of application; or
- an individual of any age who needs long-term-care services in a medical institution or a nursing facility; or
- an individual who is eligible under certain programs to get long-term-care services to live at home; or
- a member of a married couple living together and
  - both spouses are applying for health coverage;
  - there are no children younger than 19 years of age living with the couple; and
  - one spouse is 65 years of age or older and the other spouse is younger than 65 years of age.

An individual 65 years of age or older should complete the Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs (ACA-3) if he or she meets any of the following exceptions. The individual is

- the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with him or her; or
- an adult relative living with and taking care of a child younger than 19 years of age when neither parent is living in the home.

Summary of Changes

The following changes were made in the March 2020 version of the SACA-2.

- Updated the federal poverty levels (FPLs).
- Added information and a form about the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). This information and a separate form are being added to give applicants the opportunity to apply for SNAP benefits with their application for MassHealth. Applicants are not required to complete the SNAP form to be considered for MassHealth.
- Removed references to the Central Processing Unit (now the MassHealth Enrollment Center (MEC) in Charlestown).

Supplies and Use of Earlier Versions of the SACA-2

Earlier versions of the SACA-2 may be accepted until May 1, 2020.

When you receive a supply of the March 2020 version of the SACA-2, please recycle earlier versions of the form. Although earlier versions will be accepted until May 1, 2020, they should **not** be distributed to the public once the new version has been received.

How to Apply

To apply, applicants can use any of the options below.

Mail the filled-out, signed application to:

> MassHealth Enrollment Center
> P.O. Box 290794
> Charlestown, MA 02129-0214.

Fax the filled-out, signed application to (617) 887-8799.

Visit a [MassHealth Enrollment Center (MEC)](#) to apply in person.

Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

The new Senior Guide to Health Care Coverage (SACA-1) and the SACA-2 can be viewed and printed from the MassHealth website. Instructions and other information are available. Go to www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-masshealth-coverage-for-seniors-and-people-of-any-age-who-need-long-term-care.

Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.

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