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**Eligibility Operations Memo 21-03**  
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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff  
FROM: Heather Rossi, Deputy Policy Director for Eligibility

RE: **Massachusetts 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 January 2021, 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 January 2021 version of the SACA-2:

- Updated alimony language on deductions for person 1 and person 2 on pages 5 and 6 and pages 10 and 11, respectively
- Removed higher education and tuition fees on allowable deductions for person 1 and person 2 pages 6 and 11, respectively
- Added clarifying language to the Rights and Responsibilities page (steps 9 and 10 on page 18) to specify liens will be placed for LTC if not expected to return home, and estate recovery will pursue amount equivalent to total cost of care

### **Supplies and Use of Earlier Versions of the SACA-2**

You can continue to use the July 2020 version of the SACA-2 until January 31, 2021

When you receive a supply of the January 2021 version of the SACA-2, please recycle the July 2020 version. Although the July 2020 version will be accepted until January 31, 2021, it 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.

### **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](http://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 questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.

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