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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

FROM: Heather Rossi, Deputy Policy Director for Eligibility

RE: Updated Application Packet for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2-Packet)

Background

MassHealth has updated the application packet for health benefits for seniors and people needing long-term-care services. The application packet for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-2), revised March 2021, is 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

MassHealth updated the March version of the SACA-1 to reflect the 2021 Federal Poverty Level guidelines. The application (SACA-2) has not changed except for the date in the tracking code on the base of the pages.

Supplies and Use of Revised Forms

The January 2021 version of the SACA-1 can be used until April 30, 2021.

The March 31, 2021 version of the SACA-1 is currently available.

How to Apply

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

Individuals are encouraged to apply online at [MAhealthconnector.org](https://mahealthconnector.org). Applying online may be the fastest way to get coverage.

Mail the filled-out, signed application to

Health Insurance Processing Center
P.O. Box 4405
Taunton, MA 02780.

Fax the filled-out, signed application to (857) 323-8300.

To apply by telephone, call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at (800) 841-2900, TTY: (800) 497-4648 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled, or the Health Connector at (800) MA ENROLL ((800) 623-6765).

Because of the public health emergency, the MassHealth Enrollment Centers (MECs) are currently closed. For current information, visit the MassHealth COVID-19 page at www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-applicants-and-members.

Location of Printable Application on the MassHealth Website

The new Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services (SACA-1) and the SACA-2 can be printed from the MassHealth website. Go to www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-applications.

Questions

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