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[Member Name] [Address] [City, State Zip]

Date: [Date]

Member ID: [MH ID]

# FINAL NOTICE: ACTION NEEDED PLEASE CALL THE MEDICARE ENROLLMENT SUPPORT PROJECT AT (877) 935-1280

Dear [FirstName MiddleName LastName Suffix],

MassHealth has determined that you may qualify for Medicare health insurance at no extra cost. Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people 65 and older and some people younger than 65 with disabilities. As a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), if you enroll in Medicare, MassHealth will pay for your premiums and cost-sharing. You will keep your MassHealth benefits and have Medicare benefits too. Call us today at (877) 935-1280, TDD/TTY: 711 to get help enrolling in Medicare.

MassHealth members must enroll in Medicare if it is available to them at no extra cost. See the MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 517.008.

This notice applies to the following person:

Name: [FirstName MiddleName LastName Suffix], Member ID: [MH ID]

THIS LETTER IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE. You must take action to enroll in Medicare. If you do not take action to enroll in Medicare, your MassHealth benefits may end. You must call us at (877) 935-1280, TDD/TTY: 711 to do one of the following by [15 Day Deadline] to keep your MassHealth coverage. If you do not contact us by this deadline, MassHealth may act on your behalf to enroll you in Medicare, as allowed by federal law (Section 1843 of the Social Security Act).

- 1. Ask for help to make an appointment. We can help you make an appointment with your local Social Security Administration office to apply for Medicare.
- 2. Ask for help to reschedule a missed or cancelled appointment.

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- 3. Tell us that you've scheduled your own appointment with your local Social Security Administration office. If you do this, you need to tell us so we can update your MassHealth record so your MassHealth benefits won't end.
- 4. Tell us that you've been denied Medicare. Keep your denial letter and call us for help. If you're ineligible for Medicare and let us know, you will not lose your MassHealth coverage.

## Will I have to pay for Medicare?

No. MassHealth will pay your Medicare premiums. This will continue as long as you remain eligible for the same type of MassHealth coverage you have now.

#### What is Medicare?

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people 65 or older, and for certain people under the age of 65 with disabilities. Medicare pays for many hospital and doctor services, medical supplies, and prescription drugs. You might also be able to see more health care providers when you have both Medicare and MassHealth.

If you have questions about Medicare, call us at (877) 935-1280, TDD/TTY: 711.

# If I enroll in Medicare, what will happen to my MassHealth coverage?

Medicare and MassHealth will work together to make sure you continue to get the same benefits and services. Some benefits will be paid by Medicare, others will still be paid for by MassHealth.

## I'm a Lawful Permanent Resident – can I get Medicare?

Yes, permanent residents are eligible for Medicare if they have resided in the U.S. continuously for 5 years before the month they apply for Medicare. If you were denied Medicare, please call the Medicare Enrollment Support Project at (877) 935-1280, TDD/TTY: 711 for help.

## What if I have questions?

If you have questions or need more information, call the Medicare Enrollment Support Project at (877) 935-1280, TDD/TTY: 711.

Thank you,

MassHealth Medicare Enrollment Support Project

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