

Your Personal Information at MassHealth

Background

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which oversees Medicaid, has agreed to share the personal information of Medicaid enrollees with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials for immigration enforcement purposes.

MassHealth, Massachusetts' Medicaid program, objects to HHS's decision to share this information and joined a lawsuit challenging it as unlawful. In December 2025, a court ruled that HHS may share certain information with ICE for the purpose of immigration enforcement. The ruling applies only to the information of people who are not lawfully residing in the United States, and it does not apply to sensitive health care information. HHS is not allowed to share any Medicaid information with ICE about citizens or individuals lawfully residing in the United States. Please note that the lawsuit over the HHS-ICE data-sharing agreement continues, and HHS's ability to share data may change in the future. We will update this guidance if that occurs.

Questions and Answers

Has HHS already shared my data with ICE?

MassHealth does not know if HHS has shared member data with ICE. Under the court ruling, HHS may share with ICE certain information about MassHealth members who are not lawfully residing in the United States.

What personal information could HHS share with ICE?

Under the court's ruling in December 2025, HHS cannot share any information about citizens and individuals residing lawfully in the United States. HHS is allowed to share the following information about Medicaid enrollees who are not lawfully residing in the United States:

- Citizenship and immigration status
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- Assigned Medicaid identification number (Medicaid ID)

Is my personal information at risk of being shared if I'm receiving care as a MassHealth member?

Under the court ruling, HHS cannot share information about citizens and individuals lawfully residing in the United States with ICE. For other members, who are not citizens or individuals lawfully residing in the United States, HHS is only permitted to share basic biographical information, not sensitive health care information. Getting care does not change your risk of information being shared, because HHS cannot share information related to health care services you receive.

Is my personal information at risk of being shared if I apply for MassHealth?

If you decide to apply for MassHealth, you will be required to submit personal information as part of the eligibility determination process. MassHealth is required to share this information with HHS. Under the court ruling, if you are not lawfully residing in the United States, HHS is allowed to share certain information about you with ICE.

I am currently a MassHealth member and am concerned about my personal information being shared with ICE. If I disenroll from MassHealth, will this prevent my information from being shared?

No. MassHealth is required to share the information you provided with HHS even if you disenroll. However, if you disenroll, you would not be required to update your information with MassHealth moving forward. If you are a MassHealth member, getting care does not change the likelihood of your information being shared.