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TO: Acute Inpatient Hospital Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

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

Background

MassHealth has updated the paper 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 July 2018, is intended for the following populations in Massachusetts:

- an individual 65 years of age or older and living at home and
  - not the parent of a child younger than 19 years of age who lives with the individual; or
  - 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
- 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
- is 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 at least 240 hours in the six months immediately before the month of application.

Summary of Changes

Below is a summary of changes made in the July 2018 version of the SACA-2.

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Summary of Changes (cont.)

- Deleted questions 23 and 28—“Is this a sheltered workshop?” because sheltered workshops have been phased out.
- Page 1, Question 20, and page 7, question 13 a space for responses to preferences for both spoken language and written language was added.
- Question 6, Person 1, clarified that the statement referring to the reconciliation of the Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) is optional.
- Changed language and order of statements for bullet #2 on page 18.
- As a result of work with the Connector and MassHealth updates to the language for Question 6, Person 1, and Question 16, Person 2 were made to inform applicants that if they file taxes as head of household, they may be excluded from joint tax return requirement. Also, added language to indicate one way in which applicant may qualify as head of household (if they live apart from spouse and have at least one dependent).
- The disability question was moved from Section 7, and now appears under each person; Question 16, Person 1, and Question 26, Person 2.
- The race or ethnicity question was moved to page 20 due to space issues in the application.
- After “are you incarcerated? Yes No,” added “Please select no if you will be released in the next 60 days.” Question 14, Person 1, and Question 24, Person 2.
- Updated language on question 15 Supplement D Health Coverage from Jobs

Supplies and Use of Revised Forms

The April 2018 version of the SACA-2 can continue to be used until supplies are exhausted.

How to Apply

The July 2018 version of the SACA-2 is currently available. To apply, members can use any of the options listed below.

Mail the filled-out, signed application to

MassHealth Enrollment Center
Central Processing Unit
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 the Printable Application on the MassHealth Website


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