

Program Name: MassHealth (Medicaid)

Massachusetts version of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Agency: MassHealth/Massachusetts Office of Medicaid

Description: MassHealth provides health benefits and help paying for them to qualifying children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities living in Massachusetts. We may offer benefits directly or help pay for all or part of your health insurance premiums. If you are a member, you may have access to doctor visits, dental, prescription drugs, behavioral health services, and other important health care services.

Website: www.mass.gov/masshealth

Eligibility:

- To be eligible, individuals must fall into one of the following groups: parents of minor children with income up to 133% Federal Poverty Level (FPL); all children under 19 (including undocumented) in families up to 150% FPL; young adults 19-20 up to 150% FPL; pregnant women up to 200% FPL; disabled adults up to 133% FPL; those living with HIV up to 133% FPL; and those with breast or cervical cancer up to 250% FPL.

Limitations:

- Coverage includes: doctor's visits, hospital stays, long term care, behavioral health services, substance abuse services, prescription drugs, and some dental care.
- Immigrants: Open to all legally documented immigrants who otherwise qualify. Complex rules, but anyone except completely undocumented immigrant adults likely to qualify for some form of coverage. There are also exceptions for undocumented immigrants who are pregnant, and for undocumented children under 19 years of age.

Amount:

Coverage may require a premium payment each month for certain MassHealth members who have incomes above 150% FPL. Copayments for some services may also be required, such as for prescriptions and inpatient hospital stays (ex: \$1 for generic drugs and \$3 for entire hospital stay). Certain groups are excluded from copayments such as pregnant women and children under 21.

How to Apply:

- Call Customer Service for information on application and case: 1-800-841-2900
- Apply online through the state's Health Connector website: www.mahealthconnector.org
- Apply by phone at 1-877-623-6765, or in person at a MassHealth Enrollment Center.

Linked Services? SSI, TAFDC, and EAEDC recipients are eligible for MassHealth Standard. MassHealth transitional coverage continues for 4 months when recipient leaves TAFDC (12 months if left for employment). Recipient will not be terminated after that until rescreened by MassHealth. Eligibility for MassHealth also signals likely eligibility for SNAP.

Right to appeal? Yes, legal notice from MassHealth denying application will include appeal information.

Retroactive? Retroactive 10 days; longer for elderly.