

Health Services Available To ALL

The programs below are available to all Massachusetts residents without regard to citizenship or immigration status. Additional health benefits are available to US citizens and non-citizens who have an eligible immigration status

COVID-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccines

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, many services are available at no cost without regard to income or immigration status including: COVID vaccines; Federal reimbursement to health care providers for COVID-19 testing, and treatment for uninsured individuals <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>; COVID 19 testing at Stop the Spread sites, and free at-home test kits. Check these links for information on COVID 19 testing: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>, ordering a free at-home test kit <https://www.covidtests.gov/> getting a vaccine: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>; free N95 masks and more <https://www.covid.gov/>

Health Safety Net (formerly called Free Care)

Who is eligible?

Massachusetts residents with family income no higher than 150% of poverty who are not eligible for other subsidized insurance may be eligible for FULL Health Safety Net care. People with income up to 300% of poverty may be eligible for PARTIAL Health Safety Net care after meeting a deductible.

What is covered?

Medically necessary care provided by acute care hospitals and community health centers including testing and treatment of COVID-19.. However, at many hospitals, physician services, lab fees, and other specialty services are not provided by employees of the hospital and may not be covered. Adults are charged a small copayment for drugs.

Children's Medical Security Plan

Who is eligible?

Children under the age of 19 may be eligible. There is no premium charge for children with family income under 200% of poverty; premiums are charged over 200% of poverty.

What is covered?

Immunizations and doctor visits are covered; also mental health, dental and prescription drugs are covered but only up to a capped amount. Hospital care is not covered but may be available through the Health Safety Net. There are some small copayments.

MassHealth Standard for Pregnant People

Who is eligible?

Pregnant people with family income up to 200% of poverty are eligible during pregnancy and 60 days post-partum.

What is covered?

Prenatal care, labor and delivery, and most other kinds of medically necessary care including testing and treatment of COVID-19.

MassHealth Limited

Who is eligible?

- Infants with income up to 200% of poverty,
- Adults under age 65 with income up to 133% of poverty,
- Children under age 21 with income up to 150% of poverty, and
- Individuals age 65 or older with income up to 100% of poverty and limited assets.

What is covered?

Only emergency medical conditions are covered. This includes some ongoing conditions where there is an *immediate need* for treatment like kidney dialysis. It includes labor and delivery, emergency ambulance services and testing and treatment for COVID-19. It is not limited to Emergency Room services.

Prescription Advantage

Who is eligible?

- Individuals age 65 or older and
- Disabled individuals under age 65 with income up to 188% of poverty

What is covered?

Prescription drugs only. A copayment is required for each prescription filled. For elderly individuals with incomes over 188% of poverty, there are additional costs.

Home Care Program

Who is eligible?

- Massachusetts residents age 60 or older, or under 60 and diagnosed with Alzheimers.
- For most services, there are annual income limits and copayments.
- An individualized evaluation must show serious functional limitations and critical unmet needs.

What is covered?

Local Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) arrange to provide a wide array of services needed to enable seniors to live at home safely including: adaptations to housing, chore services, emergency shelter, home-delivered meals, homemakers, personal care, social day care, and transportation services, and respite for caregivers. However, services are limited in accordance with a priority schedule based on need and available funding.

Information on how to apply

The **Health Safety Net, Children's Medical Security Plan and MassHealth** all use the same application form. Apply on-line at www.mahealthconnector.org, by telephone at 800-841-2900, in person or by mail or fax. A paper form in English or Spanish can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/masshealth. Free interpreters are available on request. Most hospitals and community health centers can also help you to apply.

For **Prescription Advantage or Home Care**, for application information, call 1-800-243-4636 or visit www.800ageinfo.com.

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