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Important Notice about Upcoming Changes to Your MassHealth Premium Account

We want to update you on changes that MassHealth will be making in the next few months that may affect your MassHealth premiums.

Change in premium amount for certain members

Starting July 1, 2007, MassHealth will no longer charge premiums to individuals and families with incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL). MassHealth will let you know if you no longer have to pay a premium due to this new rule. Even if your premiums stop because of this new rule, you still must pay any premiums that were charged to you before July 1, 2007.

Change in premiums for some children

Starting July 1, 2007, MassHealth will stop charging premiums for children when there is a parent or guardian in the family who is enrolled in and paying for a Commonwealth Care health-insurance plan. MassHealth will check for this every month before we send a bill to you. MassHealth will not charge premiums as long as the parent or guardian keeps paying for and stays enrolled in the Commonwealth Care health-insurance program.

More premium options

Later this summer or fall, MassHealth will have a new premium-billing system with more payment options. The new premium-billing system will provide more self-service options to get account information and to pay premiums by credit card through the telephone or the Internet through a secured Web site. The new premium-billing system will also accept payments deducted directly from your checking or savings account. MassHealth will continue to accept mailed premium payments by check or money order.

Over the next several weeks, if you still have to pay premiums to MassHealth, you will get additional information about the new premium-billing system, including the new bill layout, payment options, and customer-service support.

If you have any questions about these changes, please call MassHealth Premium Billing at 1-888-426-9901 (in-state only) or 617-210-5501.



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Important Notice about Upcoming Changes to Your Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) Premium Account

We want to update you on changes that MassHealth will be making in the next few months that may affect your Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP) premiums. Effective July 1, 2007. MassHealth will be responsible for the collection of CMSP premiums. The vendor responsible for administering CMSP will no longer be responsible for mailing you your bill and receiving your payments. You will receive more information in the mail about this change over the next few months such as when you'll receive your first bill from MassHealth and where to send your payments.

Change in premiums for some children

Starting July 1, 2007, MassHealth will stop charging premiums for children when there is a parent or guardian in the family who is enrolled in and paying for a Commonwealth Care health-insurance plan. MassHealth will check for this every month before we send a bill to you. MassHealth will not charge premiums as long as the parent or guardian keeps paying for and stays enrolled in the Commonwealth Care health-insurance program.

More premium options

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Over the next several weeks, you will get additional information about the new premium-billing system, including the new bill layout, payment options, and customer-service support.

If you have any questions about these changes, please call MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900 (TTY: 1-800-497-4648 for people with partial or total hearing loss).

PB no pay-on CC

However, you will not have to pay this premium if a parent or guardian in the family group is enrolled in a Commonwealth Care health plan and must pay a Commonwealth Care premium. You will get a bill from MassHealth monthly telling you what you owe.