Facts About MassHealth Essential

MassHealth Essential is a health insurance program for adults who have not had a job in over a year. This sheet has information about the insurance program and how to sign up. There is also a list of phone numbers and a website to contact for help and more information.

What does MassHealth Essential pay for?

It includes these services:

- Doctor visits
- Some dental services
- Hospital stays and visits
- Prescription drugs
- Medical equipment and supplies, like wheelchairs, or oxygen tanks
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- Emergency transportation services

Who can get MassHealth Essential?

MassHealth Essential is only for adults with an income below 100% of the federal poverty level. See the other side of this sheet to find out what percent of the federal poverty level your family income is. Here are three groups in this income level who can get MassHealth Essential:

- U.S. citizens or immigrants who have had their green card for 5 years or more and who have not had a job in the last 12 months.
- Immigrants legally residing in the U.S. who are under age 65, who are disabled, and who have not had a job in the last 12 months.
- Immigrants legally residing in the U.S. who are over age 65 and who have not had a job in the last 12 months.

How much does MassHealth Essential cost?

You will not have to pay any premium (amount you pay every month). The only cost is \$3 for prescription drugs, except for generic and over the counter drugs for three chronic conditions (antihyperglycemics, antihypertensives, and antihyperlipidemics), which remain at \$1.

How do I apply?

You should fill out a MassHealth application. The application is called a Medical Benefit Request, or MBR. When you send the application to MassHealth, they will enroll you in the best program for which you are eligible. MassHealth will then send a notice telling you which program you are eligible for.

You can get an application at your health center or hospital, or ask MassHealth for an application by calling 1-888-665-9993. Also, you can call the Health Care For All Helpline at 1-800-272-4232, where you will get help filling out an application over the phone.

Have questions, need help, or want to learn more?

- Call the Health Care For All Helpline at 1-800-272-4232
- Call MassHealth at 1-888-665-9993
- Visit MassHealth online at http://mass.gov/masshealth

Your income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level if you:

- Are single (1 person) and make \$10,896 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 2 people in your family and make \$14,712 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 3 people in your family and make \$18,540 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 4 people in your family and make \$22,356 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 5 people in your family and make \$26,172 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 6 people in your family and make \$30,000 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 7 people in your family and make \$33,816 or less each year, before taxes
- Have 8 people in your family and make \$37,632 or less each year, before taxes