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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: SNAP: MassHealth SNAP Application Supplement

Overview

The Department has been working with MassHealth and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to better connect clients with services for which they are eligible and streamline the application process. The primary goal of these efforts is to ensure that MassHealth clients who are likely eligible for SNAP based on financial and nonfinancial circumstances, are aware and able to apply in a simplified manner if they wish.

In March 2020 the Department, in collaboration with MassHealth, implemented the SNAP Application Supplement, in an attempt to reduce the SNAP Gap. The SNAP Gap is a term used to describe the variance between client participation in Medicaid health insurance provided by MassHealth and client participation in SNAP through the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) as the majority are eligible for both programs.

Previously, the MassHealth application included a supplement which captured a recipient's interest in applying for SNAP and collected basic demographic information about the head of household, to provide a simplified SNAP application.

The Department is now expanding the collaboration with MassHealth to include other MassHealth application forms and MassHealth renewal forms. MassHealth has also modified their application and renewal forms to include a checkbox that allows MassHealth applicants to simultaneously apply for SNAP benefits.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of the expansion of MassHealth forms used to start an application for SNAP benefits.

**New Online
Guide Page**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Application Processing
Page: MassHealth SNAP Application Supplement

**Revised Online
Guide Page**

Topic: COVID-19
Page: SNAP Application Interview Waiver

**Obsoleted
Online Guide
Transmittal**

OLGT 2020-22: Cross Programs: MassHealth SNAP Application Supplement

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
