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New Under Age 65 MassHealth Application and Member Booklet

MassHealth has significantly changed its application for benefits and member booklets for individuals under age 65 to incorporate eligibility and other changes mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

Effective immediately, the MassHealth Medical Benefit Request (MBR), Senior Medical Benefit Request (SMBR) and accompanying member guides are no longer accepted by MassHealth, because program rules have changed. **Please destroy these forms immediately.**

The new application for individuals under age 65 is called the *Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs* or the ACA-2. It is a combined application for health coverage through MassHealth, the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP), the Massachusetts Health Connector (Health Connector) plans, and the Health Safety Net (HSN). The new application for individuals over age 65 is called ***Application for Health Coverage for Seniors and People Needing Long-Term-Care Services Instructions*** or the SACA-2.

Local offices will receive a shipment of the applications and member booklets in the immediate future, and they will be available for ordering on an ongoing basis through the Department's Document Production center.

Resource Inventories Page Update

Some banks charge fees and surcharges for using ATMs, including when someone makes three or more withdrawals per month. The Resource Inventories Page on DTA Online has been updated to include information on low-cost banking options available to many clients and strategies to retain more cash benefits by avoiding fees and surcharges.