

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.

The Health Safety Net

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 over 150% but not over 300% of poverty may be eligible for PARTIAL Health Safety Net care after meeting a deductible.

What is covered?

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

Children's Medical Security Plan

Who is eligible?

Children under the age of 19 may be eligible. Premiums are only charged for children with family income over 200% of poverty. Currently there are small copays for some services.

What is covered?

Immunizations and doctor visits are covered; mental health, dental, asthma inhalers, and prescription drugs are covered but only up to a capped amount. Hospital care is not covered but is available through the Health Safety Net.

MassHealth Standard based on Pregnancy

Who is eligible?

Pregnant people with family income up to 200% of poverty are eligible for MassHealth Standard during pregnancy and for 12 months from the month the pregnancy ends.

What is covered?

Prenatal care, labor and delivery, doctor visits, mental health, dental, and most other kinds of medically necessary care. Most people will be enrolled in a MassHealth managed care plan.

MassHealth Limited

Who is eligible?

- Infants with family income up to 200% of poverty,
- Adults under age 65 with income up to 133% of poverty,
- Children under age 21 with family 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 and emergency ambulance services. It is not limited to emergency room services. Treatment for COVID-19, including Paxlovid, is considered an emergency service. Through at least

September 2024, COVID-19 vaccines are covered under Limited. All individuals on Limited will also have full Health Safety Net 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 Alzheimer's.
- 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) provide a wide array of services 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 transportation services, and respite for caregivers. 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 online, by telephone, in person at a MassHealth office, or by mailing or faxing a paper application form available in English and other languages. Most hospitals and community health centers and many community organizations can also help you to apply. More information on how to apply if you are under 65 or how to apply if you are 65 or older is available on mass.gov/masshealth or by calling 800-841-2900.

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

Other programs that help with COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and medication treatment:
Free vaccine resources for children and adults at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-information>.

Free testing for uninsured people who are symptomatic or exposed. Find a location at <https://testinglocator.cdc.gov/Search>.

Free medication treatment for Paxlovid and assistance with certain other medications. Find a location and more information at <https://treatments.hhs.gov/>.