

Description

Release 25

Release date: July 27, 2022

On July 27, 2022, Release 25 was implemented in the online system at MAhealthconnector.org or commonly known as HIX. When you login on or after July 27th, you should make sure to [clear your cache and cookies](#) prior to opening up HIX.

This release will include the following updates:

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Established Pregnancy

MassHealth provides postpartum coverage for 60 days plus an additional period extending to the end of the month in which the 60-day period ends. **On April 1, 2022, [MassHealth extended its postpartum coverage period](#) to provide 12 months of coverage, plus an additional period extending to the end of the month in which the 12-month period ends, regardless of immigration status, who were eligible for a MassHealth benefit while pregnant. This extension of coverage will significantly improve access to health care and continuity of care, particularly in the vulnerable period after childbirth.**

Eligibility Criteria

- Individual was eligible for a MassHealth benefit while pregnant
- After the 12-month postpartum period, individuals' will have their eligibility renewed, and notification of new eligibility status will be sent to the household
- The extension supports women that report the end of a pregnancy, with or without adding a child, and for women who do not report the end of a pregnancy

R25 streamlines and enhances the user's ability to access the Report a Change (RAC) function in HIX to report a pregnancy and add a newborn.

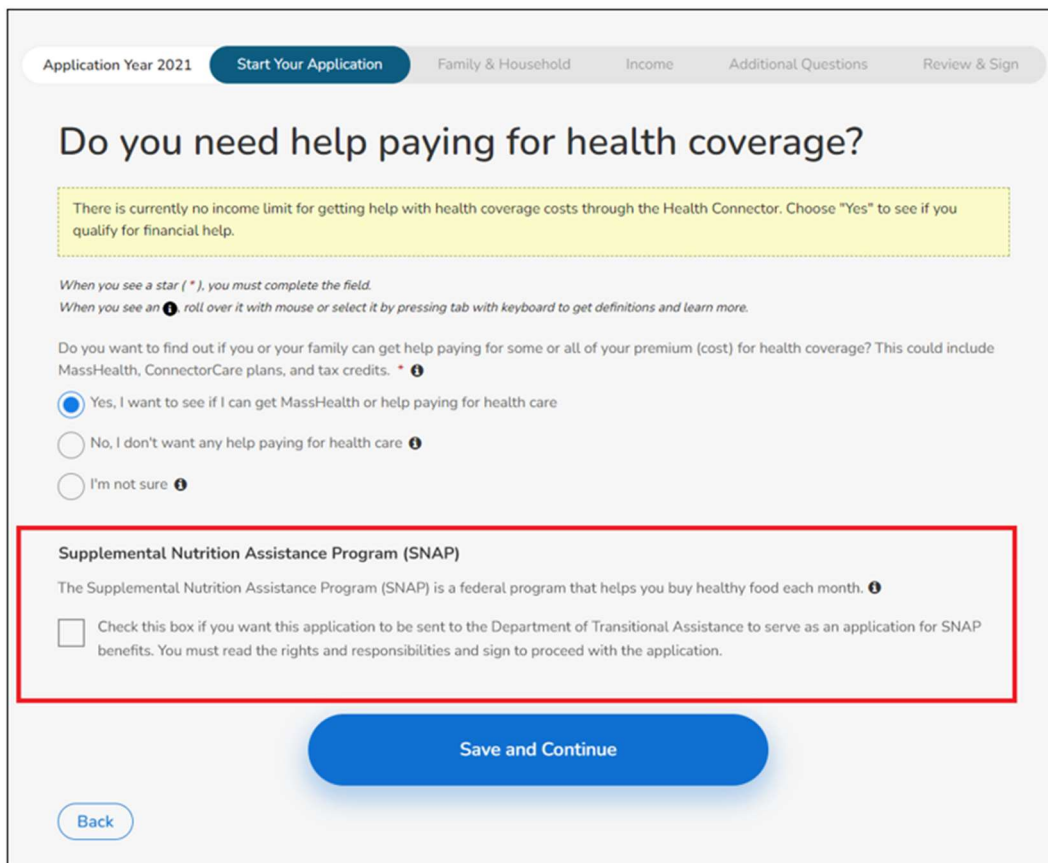
New SNAP Option

In Release 25, applicants and members will have the option to select to have their MassHealth application or renewal serve as an application for SNAP benefits. The new checkbox option to apply for SNAP benefits will be on the “Do you need help paying for health coverage?” screen.

As next steps, “What happens after you apply for SNAP benefits?” will display when checkbox is selected. In addition, the DTA Rights and Responsibilities is added to the Signature page.

When the checkbox is selected, MassHealth will transfer the applicant or member’s information directly to the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) to automatically initiate the SNAP application, including demographic and contact information. DTA staff will outreach to the applicant to capture additional information required to complete the SNAP application and conduct the interview.


Sample Screenshot of new SNAP checkbox




Application Year 2021 Start Your Application Family & Household Income Additional Questions Review & Sign


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There is currently no income limit for getting help with health coverage costs through the Health Connector. Choose "Yes" to see if you qualify for financial help.

When you see a star (*), you must complete the field.
When you see an , roll over it with mouse or select it by pressing tab with keyboard to get definitions and learn more.


Do you want to find out if you or your family can get help paying for some or all of your premium (cost) for health coverage? This could include MassHealth, ConnectorCare plans, and tax credits. * 

Yes, I want to see if I can get MassHealth or help paying for health care

No, I don't want any help paying for health care 

I'm not sure 

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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Check this box if you want this application to be sent to the Department of Transitional Assistance to serve as an application for SNAP benefits. You must read the rights and responsibilities and sign to proceed with the application.

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Sample screenshot of “What happens after you apply for SNAP benefits?”

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Checking this box does not submit the SNAP application to DTA until you read the DTA rights and responsibilities, sign, and submit.

What happens after you apply for SNAP benefits?

1. DTA will contact you to complete a phone interview.
2. DTA will work with you to verify information about your case.
3. You will get an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to access benefits, if approved.
4. You will receive a notice about your decision within 30 days.

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