



Do You Have Concerns About Health Insurance?

Public Health Insurance

The government mostly pays for public health insurance programs, and in most cases you pay only a small fee. Public health insurance programs have eligibility requirements based on income level, family size, and immigration status.

MassHealth

A joint state and federal Medicaid program that purchases comprehensive medical services for certain low-income Massachusetts residents. It is divided into several coverage options with different eligibility and immigration status requirements. Administered by the Department of Medical Assistance. 1-800-841-2900. To request an application for MassHealth, call 1-888-665-9993.

MassHealth Standard: People under 133% of the poverty level are eligible. Children under 12 are eligible if the family is under 200% of the poverty level. Pregnant women and infants are eligible if the family is under 185% of the poverty level. Comprehensive medical coverage includes doctor and hospital visits, dental, mental health, etc.

MassHealth Basic: Long-term unemployed (at least one year) and uninsured adults are eligible. Coverage is the same as MassHealth Standard but doesn't cover long term care.

MassHealth Limited: Immigrants and some not eligible for MassHealth Standard are eligible. Some kinds of immigrants and people with higher incomes are eligible for this less comprehensive MassHealth plan. Provides emergency health care only.

Common Health: Disabled patients are eligible.

Boston Medical Center HealthNet (A MassHealth Option)

Families who have MassHealth STANDARD, and choose Boston HealthNet Network as their provider are eligible. BMC HealthNet plan members received free prescription drugs at many convenient locations, free over-the-counter medicines, **free infant/child car seats**, free child bike helmets, free *Book for Your Birthday Program* for children ages 10 and younger, **free breast pumps**. Call 1-800-792-4355 to apply.

Boston HealthNet (FreeCare)

The uninsured (and not eligible for any above programs) are eligible. Immigrants must be under 200% of the poverty line. Those under 400% of the poverty line are eligible for partial FreeCare. Families can receive acute emergency and essential medical care at the hospital. Call 1-800-462-6381 to sign up.