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MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAID FACTS

Who is covered in Massachusetts' Medicaid Program?

ELIGIBILITY GROUPS

	MCO ¹⁻³	FFS ⁴	
Children(0-18 years)			Undocumented Immigrants ⁺
Current & Former Foster Care Children			
Parents and other Caretaker Relatives			
Pregnant Women			
Aged, Blind, and Disabled Adults			
Dual Eligibles			
Disabled Children			
Incarcerated*			
Newly Eligible Adults			
Qualified Non-Citizens**			

*MassHealth Benefits suspended unless inpatient hospitalization occurs.

** Qualified Non-Citizens are subject to a 5-year waiting requirement, except for children up to 19 years of age and pregnant women.

+ Emergency Medicaid services only.

Important News

January 2017 - Because of large state expenditures on health care after the ACA expansion, the governor proposes to cut back on state funding. The proposal includes (a) businesses that don't provide their employees' health benefits would have to pay \$2,000 per full-time employee to the government, and (b) putting a cap on growth rates for providers' fees so that coverage will be more affordable for employers.⁵



Medicaid Medical Director's Network

The State of Massachusetts has begun the integration of physical health, behavioral health, and LTSS.

The State of Massachusetts implemented new benefits for kids with autism in order to offer applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices.



Do Medicaid health plans provide coverage?⁶

YES NO

- BMC HealthNet Plan
- CeltiCare Health
- Fallon Health
- Health New England
- Neighborhood Health Plan
- Tufts Health Plan

*Excludes ACO options

How has Massachusetts' Medicaid program engaged in Managed Care?

SECTION 1115 WAIVERS⁷

MassHealth was created to move enrollees that fall under the eligibility groups described in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) from existing state programs to the expanded State Medicaid program. An amendment was submitted on 09/20/2017 to align coverage for non-disabled adults with commercial plans. As of June 2018, the amendment was still pending approval.

APPROVAL:
4/24/1995

EFFECTIVE:
7/1/1997

EXPIRATION:
6/30/2022



How is Massachusetts meeting the needs of Medicaid enrollees?

Value-Based Healthcare Initiatives

The Massachusetts Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) initiative is designed to provide patient-centered care by working with primary care providers. Services include:⁸

- Management of chronic conditions
- Visits to specialists
- Hospital admissions
- Patient reminders for check-ups and tests

MassHealth launched an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) pilot program in partnership with six health care organizations. The pilot program was used to analyze the effectiveness of ACOs to coordinate and integrate care, the impact on MassHealth, and the cost of care.^(citation 9) The pilot program was expanded to a statewide Medicaid ACO program in 2018 that currently includes 18 ACOs.⁹

Massachusetts received a five-year waiver amendment to the MassHealth program approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to invest in the state's Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). The goal is to reform the program to support the transition toward ACO models, including direct funding for community-based providers of behavioral health and long-term services and supports.¹⁰



Family Planning ^{11, 12}

MassHealth covers family planning services at approved agencies. Services include:

- Physical examinations
- Cervical cancer screening and follow-up
- Contraception (i.e., pills, condoms, cervical cap, IUDs, and emergency contraception)
- Counseling
- HIV counseling and testing
- HPV vaccinations
- Referrals to other services such as genetic counseling, sterilization services, STD treatment (if beyond the scope of the agency), and pregnancy-related services.
- Community education

Women's Health

Benefits include:

- Mammograms, preventive health screenings, and treatment for chronic conditions¹³
- The Healthy Start Program (HSP) helps to provide early, comprehensive, and continuous prenatal care for low-income pregnant women.¹⁴
- The MassHealth Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (MassHealth BCCTP) allows Massachusetts to provide full MassHealth insurance coverage to under/uninsured low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.¹⁵



Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder

MassHealth Primary Care Clinician Plan Members' behavioral health services are managed by Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership. Services include:¹⁶

- Outpatient mental health services (individual/group therapy, testing, in-home behavioral services)
- Inpatient services
- Outpatient substance use disorder services
- Diversionary services (i.e., support on returning to the community after being in a hospital setting.)
- Emergency services
- Drug therapies covered:¹⁷ methadone, naloxone, naltrexone, acamprosate, and disulfiram



Oral Health ¹⁸

Dental Service of Massachusetts manages the dental program for MassHealth beneficiaries. Services include:

- Oral exams and cleanings (2 times per calendar year)
- X-rays
- Extractions
- Some oral surgery
- Fillings

In addition, beneficiaries under 21 years of age qualify for:

- Fluoride (every 90 days)
- Sealants (on permanent molars)
- Braces
- Root-canal treatments
- All oral surgery
- Crowns



Timeline

Federal

Massachusetts

