

# How to Apply for MassHealth CommonHealth

MassHealth CommonHealth is a supplemental insurance from MassHealth available to children with qualifying disabilities. CommonHealth will pay for copays and deductibles that are not covered by your private insurance.

## The steps to apply for MassHealth CommonHealth are:

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### Submit a **Massachusetts Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying Costs**.

Choose one of the following ways to apply:

- ⇒ **ONLINE (MassHealth recommends this way to apply):** Visit [www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org) to complete the application.
- ⇒ **BY MAIL:** Download, print, and complete the application found here: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/06/28/aca-3-english.pdf>.  
Mail to: Health Insurance Processing Center  
PO Box 4405  
Taunton, MA 02780
- ⇒ **BY FAX:** Download, print, and complete the application found here: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/03/13/aca-3-english.pdf>.  
Fax to: (857) 323-8300
- ⇒ **BY PHONE:** Call MassHealth Customer Service at **(800) 841-2900** or **TTY: (800) 497-4648**. Hours: Mon-Fri 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- ⇒ **IN PERSON:** Walk into an enrollment center listed below. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:45 A.M. to 5 P.M.

45 Spruce Street  
Chelsea, MA 02150

21 Spring Street, Suite 4  
Taunton, MA 02780

88 Industry Avenue, Suite D  
Springfield, MA 01104

367 East Street  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

100 Hancock Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Quincy, MA 02171

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### Submit a **MassHealth Child Disability Supplement form**.

#### How do I submit this form?

Download, print, and complete the application found here: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/11/uz/mads-child.pdf>.

Sign the **Medical Release forms** in the application for each of your child's providers.

Gather all relevant documents, including recent IEPs, IFCP, and medical testing.

Mail all the above information **TOGETHER** to: Disability Evaluation Services

PO Box 2796

Worcester, MA 01613-2796

*NOTE:* It may take up to 90 days for MassHealth to make a disability determination.

# FAQs About MassHealth CommonHealth

## What is MassHealth CommonHealth

MassHealth CommonHealth is a program offered through MassHealth. It is a **supplemental insurance** policy for children with qualifying disabilities that covers copays, deductibles, and some health services not covered by your private insurance.

## Who is eligible for MassHealth CommonHealth?

Children with **qualifying disabilities** are eligible. Children must also be **covered by your family's private commercial insurance**.

## How does MassHealth determine if a child has a qualifying disability?

A qualifying disability is based on a child's **functional status**. A qualifying disability is determined by the **Child Disability Supplement form**, which is submitted as part of the MassHealth CommonHealth application process.

## Is family income considered?

**No**, your family income is not considered for your child's eligibility. Eligibility is based on the determination of a qualifying disability.

## Is MassHealth CommonHealth free?

**No**, MassHealth CommonHealth is not free care in Massachusetts. When a child is determined eligible for CommonHealth, a premium is calculated based on your family's income.

## Which family members do I include in the MassHealth CommonHealth application?

The application requires that you enter information for **everyone in your household**. You must do this, even though your child with a disability is the only one eligible for MassHealth CommonHealth.

## Can my child see any health care provider with MassHealth CommonHealth?

**No**, to use MassHealth CommonHealth, your provider must accept both your child's private insurance and MassHealth CommonHealth.

## What is important for me to know when I am applying for MassHealth CommonHealth?

Person #1 in the application should be the adult

in the household who is **always available to speak with MassHealth**. MassHealth will **ONLY** speak with Person #1 about the child's information.

For the question that asks if you are you applying for health and dental coverage for this person, only **SELECT YES for your child with a disability for which you are applying for MassHealth CommonHealth**.

For the question that asks if this person has an injury, illness, or disability that has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months, only **SELECT YES for your child with a disability for which you are applying for MassHealth CommonHealth**.

When asked, make sure to include information about **ALL FORMS OF INSURANCE** for which your child with a disability is covered. If none of the types of insurance apply, complete the "other coverage" box.

## PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### Does Massachusetts help families with paying for premiums?

**Yes**, Premium Assistance is a program in Massachusetts that provides financial assistance to families to pay their premiums. Once you have received MassHealth CommonHealth, call MassHealth Premium Assistance Unit at **(800) 862-4840** or **TTY: (617) 886-8102** to determine if you are eligible for the benefit.

### How can I get additional help applying for MassHealth CommonHealth?

You can make an appointment with an Enrollment Assister at <https://my.mahealthconnector.org/enrollment-assisters>. You can also call MassHealth Customer Service at **(800) 841-2900** or **TTY: (800) 497-4648**.

Have more questions? Visit us at [www.fcsn.org/mfv](http://www.fcsn.org/mfv) or call us at **(800) 331-0688 ext. 301**

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