

# Free or Affordable Health Care Programs In Massachusetts

## **MassHealth (Massachusetts Medicaid)**

In Massachusetts, Medicaid is called MassHealth. MassHealth covers more services than other state health programs and is usually the best program to choose if you or your family is eligible. MassHealth, however, has strict income and eligibility rules.

- **MassHealth Standard:** Covers most health services for children, parents of children under 19, pregnant women, and low-income adults with disabilities.
- **MassHealth CommonHealth:** Covers most services for adults and children with disabilities. There is no income limit but a premium and/or one-time deductible may be charged.
- **MassHealth Prenatal:** Covers routine prenatal office visits and tests (not childbirth) for pregnant women.
- **MassHealth Family Assistance:** Covers part of your family's health insurance premiums if you can get qualified health insurance from your employer, or allows you to enroll your children in a health plan through MassHealth if you cannot get private health insurance. Has higher income limits than MassHealth Standard or MassHealth CommonHealth.
- **MassHealth Limited:** Covers emergency services and childbirth for low-income residents. No Social Security Number required. Pregnant women, children under 19, parents of children under 19, and disabled adults may be eligible.

*For more information or an application for any type of MassHealth, call 1-888-665-9993*

## **Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP)**

A program that provides health insurance for all residents ages 0 thru 18 who are not MassHealth eligible. You can join even if you have other insurance to improve your coverage. The application for CMSP is the same as the MassHealth application. There is currently a waitlist for this program – apply as soon as possible to get on the waitlist.

*For more information or an application, call 1-800-909-2677*

## **Free Care and Partial Free Care**

A program that pays for all or part of care at hospitals and health centers for people who are not eligible for MassHealth.

*For more information, call your local hospital, health center, or Health Care For All at 1-800-272-4232*

### **CenterCare**

This program provides primary care services at community health centers to anyone who is uninsured and meets income limits.

*For more information call the Mass League of Community Health Centers at 1-800-475-8455*

### **Healthy Start**

This program provides health care to pregnant women and one pediatric exam for the newborn baby. No social security number is required.

*For more information, call 1-800-531-2229*

### **Medical Security Plan**

This is a program which provides health insurance or help paying premiums to people who receive unemployment benefits.

*For more information, call 1-800-914-4455.*

### **MassMedline**

This hotline can help you determine if you are eligible for any kind of prescription drug assistance programs. Trained staff can also answer questions about any kinds of prescriptions/medications you are currently taking and whether you are using them correctly. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm.

*For more information, call MassMedline at 1-866-633-1617*

### **Parent Resource Network Line**

This hotline provides resources and referrals to families with children who have mental health needs.

*For more information, call the PRN line at 1-866-633-1617*