

Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Relief MAGI-Based Verification Plan Addendum

The State Medicaid and CHIP agencies will implement the following changes to its policies and procedures described in this MAGI-based verification plan addendum, which are different from the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the state's current MAGI-based verification plan, during the following period: during the COVID-19 national emergency, and through the end of the month in which such national emergency period ends.

Check off each item and fill in the requested information if the state is electing the flexibility. Only indicate areas that are changes to your current verification plan elections. Do not check off the item if you currently use the indicated flexibility. For example, if the state currently accepts attestation of residency, that item does not need to be checked off in this addendum. For additional information regarding disaster-related verification flexibilities, refer to the [CMS Disaster Preparedness Toolkits](#).

STATE: Massachusetts
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Section A – Verification Procedures for Factors of Eligibility

Income-related Verification Processes - Reasonable Compatibility and Documentation:

- The agency will utilize a reasonable compatibility standard threshold as follows (percent and/or dollar threshold): _____
- The agency will accept self-attestation without additional verification of income under the circumstances specified here (note: changes in use of data sources are included in Section B below):
- The agency will conduct post-enrollment verification of income at application. Specify when, post-enrollment, the agency will conduct the post-enrollment verification:

Non-Income-related Verification Processes:

The agency will accept attestation for the following non-income related factors of eligibility:

- Residency
- Age/Date of Birth
- Household composition
- Receipt of other coverage (such as Medicare)
- Other (as permissible under applicable statute and regulations): pregnancy; HIV status; breast and cervical cancer diagnosis; disability

The agency will conduct post-enrollment verification of the following non-income related factors of eligibility at application as specified here (include when, post-enrollment, the agency will conduct the post-enrollment verification):

- Residency (Time Period:)
- Age/Date of Birth (Time Period:)
- Household composition (Time Period:)
- Receipt of other coverage (such as Medicare) (Time Period:)

Other (as permissible under applicable statute and regulations): (Time Period:)

Section B – Use of Electronic Data Sources

The agency has determined that the following income-related data sources will not be checked periodically between initial application and regular renewals:

- Internal Revenue Service
- Social Security Administration (SSI and SSDI)
- State Wage Income Collection Agency
- State Unemployment Compensation
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- The Work Number/TALX
- PARIS
- Other: _____

Additional Information/Changes:

Other – Indicate Any Additional Changes to Verification Processes That Have Not Been Addressed

Other: MassHealth will accept reasonable explanation of discrepancies for all eligibility factors, except citizenship and immigration, from all individuals if we are unable to match electronically and documentation is not readily accessible to the individual to verify their eligibility through the last day of the month in which the national emergency period ends. *See § 435.952 (c)(2)(i)*

Individuals may provide reasonable explanation by contacting the agency via phone, or in writing to describe any noted discrepancies in self-reported information if we are unable to match electronically and documentation is not readily accessible to the individual. Individuals will be notified of such discrepancies in writing following the attempt of the agency to verify electronically.