The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
MassHealth Premium Assistance Program
PO Box 120068, Boston, MA 02112

MassHealth

Date: <Date>   MassHealth ID#: <MHID>   Case ID: <Case #>

<NAME>
<Street Address>
<City>, <STATE> <ZIP>

Dear <First Name Last Name>,

Beginning in the academic year 2020-2021, MassHealth will no longer offer the MassHealth Student Health Insurance Plan Premium Assistance Program (SHIP PA). Students who remain eligible for MassHealth will continue to have access to their MassHealth benefits through a MassHealth health plan.

What This Means

MassHealth will no longer pay for your SHIP plan through your school. All benefits provided by your SHIP plan for the academic year 2019-2020 will end on **<SHIP Policy End Date>**. However, if you continue to meet MassHealth eligibility requirements, you will be able to select a new MassHealth health plan.

MassHealth will send you an enrollment package 10 days after your SHIP plan ends on **<SHIP Policy End Date>**. The package will contain important information about how to select a MassHealth health plan that is best for you.

What You Need to Do

- Make sure you remain eligible for MassHealth and respond to any information requests prior to **<SHIP Policy End Date>.**
    o Your MassHealth benefits (if still active) will become your primary health insurance coverage once your SHIP policy ends on **<SHIP Policy End Date>**.
- Respond to the MassHealth Enrollment Package that MassHealth will mail to you **10 days after** your SHIP plan ends on **<SHIP Policy End Date>**.
    o You can prepare now by learning which MassHealth health plan has the doctors, specialists, behavioral health providers, and hospitals most important to you by visiting the **MassHealthChoices.com** website to compare plans and explore provider networks.

If You Do Not Select a Health Plan

If you do not select a MassHealth health plan by the date on the letter, MassHealth will choose a plan for you. You will then have a 90-day Plan Selection Period to change your health plan for any reason.

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SHIPPA - YEAREND

Providers Who Do Not Accept MassHealth

If you have been seeing a provider who currently only accepts your SHIP plan and does not accept any MassHealth plan option, you will need to find a new provider that accepts the MassHealth health plan option you select.

Special Situations

- If you are pregnant, in treatment, or have a prescription, an authorized service, or an upcoming surgery, you should let your new health plan know as soon as you enroll. Your new plan will work with you to avoid interruptions to your care.

- If you receive coordination services through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or receive services through the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI), you may have additional options.

Please contact SHIP Premium Assistance at 1-855-273-5903 to learn more.

If Continuing as A Full-Time Student and Eligible for MassHealth

If you continue as a student for the academic year 2020-2021 and you have active MassHealth coverage, your MassHealth Health Plan can be used to waive your school's SHIP requirement.

Please note that MassHealth Limited, Health Safety Net, and the Children's Medical Security Plan are not considered comprehensive plans, and therefore cannot be used to waive your school's SHIP requirement.

If Your MassHealth Has Ended

If your MassHealth is no longer active after **<SHIP Policy End Date>**, but you want to prevent a break in health care coverage, you may be able to

- Purchase a health plan through the Massachusetts Health Connector. Go to MAHealthConnector.org or call 1-877-MA-ENROLL (1-877-623-6765) to learn more.
- Purchase your school's student health insurance plan (SHIP). Contact your school for details on how to purchase SHIP.

Contact Information for MassHealth SHIP Premium Assistance

You can call MassHealth SHIP Premium Assistance at 1-855-273-5903.

This letter is not a guarantee of MassHealth eligibility.