
To apply for health coverage and financial benefits

SSI ADULT APPLICATION:

Social Security Administration (SSA)

1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

MASSHEALTH through COMMONHEALTH*:

1-800-841-2900 or 1-888-665-9993

www.mass.gov/masshealth

*Please request two (2) separate forms:

1. MassHealth application: “Application for Health and Dental Coverage and Help Paying the Costs”
2. “MassHealth Adult Disability Supplement”

Additional Resources

Massachusetts Office on Disability

1-800-322-2020

www.mass.gov/mod

Health Care for All Health Helpline

1-800-272-4232

www.hcfama.org

Disability Law Center

1-800-872-9992

www.dlc-ma.org



MA Dept. of Public Health
Bureau of Family Health & Nutrition
Division for Children & Youth with
Special Health Needs
www.mass.gov/dph/specialhealthneeds



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Is your child with special needs turning 18?

**A Bridge to Adult
Health Coverage
and
Financial Benefits**



Does your child receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits?

Is your child on MassHealth through CommonHealth?

Is your child currently not receiving MassHealth coverage?

Important changes are coming ...

Transition to Adult Benefits for children with special health needs

IF:

Your child with special needs is close to turning 18 and is on SSI (and MassHealth).



THEN:

Once your child turns 18, your income and resources (assets) *will no longer count* for his/her eligibility.

Your child has met the Child Disability Standard for SSI eligibility before turning 18 and is currently receiving SSI/MassHealth Benefits.



Social Security Administration (SSA) will mail you a notice following his/her 18th birthday to begin the Adult Disability Standard Redetermination process. Your child must now qualify for SSI based on the Adult Standard of Disability.

Your child turning 18 is not on SSI benefits because *your income or resources* were too high to qualify (but may or may not be receiving MassHealth through the CommonHealth Program).



Once your child turns 18, apply for SSI to see if he/she is now eligible for *monthly cash benefits* and automatic eligibility for MassHealth (with no monthly premium) based *only* on his/her income and resources.

Your child with special health needs, *age 18 or over*, is found not eligible for SSI due to being over the income or resources limit, or not qualifying under the Adult Disability Standard.



He/She can apply to CommonHealth by completing a MassHealth application plus the "Adult Disability Supplement." CommonHealth has no income or assets limit. If found eligible, he/she will get MassHealth and may have to pay a monthly premium.

For more information call DPH Community Support Line: 1-800-882-1435