

MassHealth Matters to Massachusetts

In Massachusetts, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are combined into one program called MassHealth.



1. MassHealth provides access to health care for **more people** than many realize, including:¹

66%



2 in 3 people in low-income families (<133% of federal poverty level)

31%



1 in 3 Massachusetts residents

45%



2 in 5 children of all incomes

By providing health insurance to so many, MassHealth supports the Commonwealth in achieving the highest coverage rate in the nation.

¹ These statistics are based on MassHealth enrollment data from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, when enrollment was higher than typical levels. Because of temporary policies in place during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, enrollment grew by over 30% from March 2020 through mid-2023. Since then, enrollment has begun declining as those temporary policies expired. MassHealth enrollment is expected to continue declining through spring 2024; that decline is not reflected in these numbers.

2. MassHealth brings in **\$12.5 BILLION** in federal revenues to support the state economy



Nearly **90%** of all federal revenue to Massachusetts comes from the MassHealth program



Every dollar of MassHealth spending is reimbursed by at least **50 cents** of federal revenue

3. MassHealth creates and supports jobs in the health care sector

MassHealth represents a significant portion of health care providers' revenues, including:



54%

nursing facilities



45%

community health centers



38%

prenatal care

4. MassHealth fills significant gaps in Medicare

344,300

seniors and people with disabilities who are Medicare members receive support through MassHealth to cover:

- Medicare copays and deductibles, and
- Services not covered by Medicare, including long term care.



5. MassHealth is positioned to help the Commonwealth address some of its most pressing challenges, including:



Improving health equity

Hispanic and Black members make up 30 percent of the total MassHealth population.



Addressing the behavioral health crisis

MassHealth is the largest payer of behavioral health services in the state.



Promoting insurance coverage during economic downturns

MassHealth keeps coverage rates steady during recessions.