

# Programs without Immigration Requirements in Massachusetts

(short version)

## Child Care

### **Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Programs (CFCEs)**

Website: [mass.gov/info-details/coordinated-family-and-community-engagement-cfce-network](https://mass.gov/info-details/coordinated-family-and-community-engagement-cfce-network)  
or [mass.gov/edu](https://mass.gov/edu) and search for “Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Programs”

### **Head Start / Early Head Start**

Website: [massheadstart.org](https://massheadstart.org)

Phone: 866-763-648

## Financial/Material Assistance

### **American Friends Service Committee – Material Aid & Advocacy Program**

Website: [maapma.org/getting-support-at-maap](https://maapma.org/getting-support-at-maap)

Phone: 617-876-5312

### **Solutions at Work – Children’s Clothing Exchange**

Website: [solutionsatwork.org/childrenclothingexchange/](https://solutionsatwork.org/childrenclothingexchange/)

Phone: 617-871-1202

## Healthcare

### **Children's Medical Security Plan**

Contact MGH Patient Financial Services: 617-726-2191 or MassHealth: 1-800-841-2900

### **Health Safety Net (HSN)**

Contact MGH Patient Financial Services: 617-726-2191, your local community health center or acute care hospital or call the Health Safety Net Customer Service Center: 1-877-910-2100

### **MassHealth Standard – Pregnant People Only**

Contact MGH Patient Financial Services: 617-726-2191 or MassHealth: 1-800-841-2900

### **MassHealth Limited**

Contact MGH Patient Financial Services: 617-726-2191 or MassHealth: 1-800-841-2900

### **Prescription Advantage**

Website: [mass.gov/info-details/prescription-advantage](https://mass.gov/info-details/prescription-advantage)

Phone: 1-800-243-4636

Download application: [prescriptionadvantagemma.org/Application/ApplyOnline](https://prescriptionadvantagemma.org/Application/ApplyOnline) or [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) and search for “Prescription Advantage”

### **Public Health Programs through the Department of Public Health (DPH)**

Website: [mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph](https://mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph) or [www.mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) and search for “Communicable Disease Control”

Phone: 617-983-6800

### **Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

Website: [mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dmh/](https://mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dmh/)

Phone: 617-626-8000

### **24/7 MA Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL)**

Website: [masshelpline.com](https://masshelpline.com)

Phone: 833-773-2445 (call or text)

### **Affordable Care Act Insurance – for those with DACA**

Those with DACA status can purchase insurance under the Affordable Care Act through the HealthConnector in Massachusetts: [mahix.org/individual](https://mahix.org/individual).

### **Purchase Insurance through an Employer or Directly from the Insurer**

Undocumented immigrants, except those with DACA (see above) are NOT eligible to purchase coverage through the state exchanges. You may be able to purchase insurance through an employer or directly from the insurer.

## **Home Care**

### **Elder Home Care Program (Through Local Aging Services Access Points)**

Website: [massoptions.org/massoptions/](https://massoptions.org/massoptions/)

Phone: 800-243-4636

Available to MA residents age 60 or older, or under 60 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.

### **Home Care Assistance Program (Through Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission)**

Website: [mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/living-supports/home-care/under-60/](https://mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/living-supports/home-care/under-60/) or [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) and search for “HCAP”

Phone: 617-204-3853

Available to MA residents under age 60.

## **Housing**

### **Housing Assistance Programs**

ALL Massachusetts state-funded public housing programs are open to immigrants of any status.

### **State Housing programs**

Website: [masshousing.com](http://masshousing.com)

SOME federally funded public housing programs are open to immigrants of any status.

### **Federal Housing Programs**

Website: [hud.gov](http://hud.gov)

For more information on housing options, ask your MGH social worker for the [Applying for Subsidized Housing in Massachusetts](#) handout and the [Supplement: Options for Non-Citizens](#).

### **Homelessness Prevention Funds - RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition)**

Website: [mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-raft-emergency-help-for-housing-costs](http://mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-raft-emergency-help-for-housing-costs)

Available to MA residents with low to moderate income who have a qualifying housing crisis.

### **Your local Regional Housing Provider**

Website: [masshousinginfo.org/](http://masshousinginfo.org/)

### **Shelters – Mass Coalition for the Homeless**

Website: [mhomeless.org/get-help](http://mhomeless.org/get-help)

## **Legal**

### **Free/Low-Cost Immigration Law Clinics**

Website: [boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/immigrant-advancement-resources](http://boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/immigrant-advancement-resources)

Free Immigration Clinics for Boston Residents.

### **The Irish International Immigration Center**

Website: [iiicenter.org/what/immigration-legal-services/](http://iiicenter.org/what/immigration-legal-services/)

Free immigration clinics open to immigrants from any country.

### **The MIRA Coalition’s legal service providers page (listings in MA, NH, & RI)**

Website: [miracoalition.org/resources/legal-services/](http://miracoalition.org/resources/legal-services/)

### **The MA Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild Immigration Lawyer Referral Service**

Phone: 617-227-7008

### **The Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**

Website: [masslawhelp.com](http://masslawhelp.com)

Phone: 866-627-7577

## **Nutrition**

### **Fair Foods- Two-Dollars-A-Bag Program**

Website: [fairfoods.org/](http://fairfoods.org/)

Phone: 617-288-6185

### **Food Pantries - Project Bread’s The FoodSource Hotline**

Phone: 1-800-645-8333

As required documentation varies by food pantry, call to verify eligibility.

**Meals on Wheels**

Website: [mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://mealsonwheelsamerica.org)

Phone: 800-243-4636

**School Meals Program**

Website: [fns.usda.gov/nslp](http://fns.usda.gov/nslp)

**Summer Meals Program**

Website: [meals4kids.org/find-summer-meal-site](http://meals4kids.org/find-summer-meal-site)

Phone: 1-800-645-8333

**WIC**

Website: [mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/basic-needs/food/wic/](http://mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/basic-needs/food/wic/) or [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) and search for “WIC”

## Transportation

**The RIDE**

Website: [mbta.com/riding\\_the\\_t/accessible\\_services/default.asp?id=7108](http://mbta.com/riding_the_t/accessible_services/default.asp?id=7108)

Phone: 617-337-2727

You may call to schedule an in-person assessment.

## Utility Assistance

Note: The immigration requirements for LIHEAP have changed—undocumented immigrants are no longer eligible. See “For Mixed Status Households” below for more information.

**Good Neighbor Energy Fund**

Website: [magoodneighbor.org/assistance.html](http://magoodneighbor.org/assistance.html)

**Utility Discounts**

Call your utility company to find out what discounts they may offer to limited income customers.

**Utility Shutoff Protection**

Website: [masslegalservices.org/docs/utility-handbook-2d-ed.pdf](http://masslegalservices.org/docs/utility-handbook-2d-ed.pdf)

## For Mixed Status Households

**See the Massachusetts DTA brochure “What Noncitizens Need to Know.”**

[masslegalservices.org/content/dtas-brochure-what-non-citizens-need-know-english-and-7-translations](http://masslegalservices.org/content/dtas-brochure-what-non-citizens-need-know-english-and-7-translations)

Eligible members of mixed status households may apply for programs such as SNAP (food stamps), TAFDC, LIHEAP (fuel assistance), EA shelter, MassHealth, and income-eligible childcare. Please ask your social worker for more information and eligibility criteria.

## Public Charge

**See the National Immigration Law Center’s Public Charge page for more information:**

[nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/pubcharge](https://nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/pubcharge).

## Questions About Your Immigration Status or Benefits Eligibility?

We recommend you seek advice from an experienced immigration advocate for your specific situation, especially before going to a USCIS office. See Legal section for more information.