

Central Massachusetts

Lutheran Social Services

30 Harvard St
Worcester, MA 01608
Phone: 508-754-1121 / Fax: 508-754-1393

Specializing in asylum cases, VAWA, family-based petitions, and referrals.

Friendly House

36 Wall St.
Worcester, MA 01604
Phone: 508-755-4362 / Fax: 508-792-7800

Specializing in asylum cases, green-card replacement, adjustment of status, and naturalization. Free immigration consultation every Friday, by appointment only. Possible representation.

Legal Assistance Corp. of Central Massachusetts

405 Main St., 4th floor
Worcester, MA 01608
Phone: 508-752-3718 / Fax: 508-752-5918

Providing consultation for CAP clients on difficult cases, representation for homeless and at-risk parties, and referrals for immigration cases.

Southeastern Massachusetts

Catholic Social Services

783 Slade St.
Fall River, MA 02724
Phone: 508-674-4681 / Fax: 508-675-2224

Specializing in asylum cases and citizenship assistance. Serves the Southeastern Massachusetts area.

Western Massachusetts

Western Massachusetts Legal Services

127 State Street, 4th floor
Springfield, MA 01103
Phone: 413-781-7814 / Fax: 413-746-3221

Specializing in immigrant counseling, adjustment of status, and naturalization. Serves the Western Massachusetts area.

If you are helping someone who does not speak English, MassHealth can provide interpreters to help that person apply. Call a MassHealth Enrollment Center at 1-888-665-9993 (TTY: 1-888-665-9997 for people with partial or total hearing loss). There are also member booklets that explain MassHealth, which are available in eight languages.

For more information about MassHealth or to find out how to get an application form in English or Spanish, call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-2900 (TTY: 1-800-497-4648 for people with partial or total hearing loss) or go to our Web site at www.mass.gov/masshealth.

For a copy of a MassHealth member booklet in English or one of the other languages (Cambodian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Laotian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese), call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-2900 (TTY: 1-800-497-4648 for people with partial or total hearing loss).

**Your call and what you say
will not be shared with anyone.**

**What noncitizens need to know
about applying for MassHealth, the
Children's Medical Security Plan,
Healthy Start, and
the Uncompensated Care Pool**



MassHealth is a government program that pays for the costs of certain kinds of medical care. You may be able to get MassHealth to pay for your health care. To see if you can, you must submit an application form and show you meet certain financial and nonfinancial eligibility rules. The MassHealth application form is also used to apply for other MassHealth programs that are available to more people, but pay for fewer kinds of medical care.

To get the type of MassHealth that covers the most benefits, a noncitizen must submit documentation about his or her immigration status. A noncitizen can also use the MassHealth application to apply for MassHealth Limited, the Children’s Medical Security Plan (CMSP), Healthy Start (HS), and the Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP), MassHealth programs that do not require any information about your immigration status, but pay for fewer medical services.

To apply for any kind of MassHealth coverage, you must be a resident of Massachusetts. This means you actually live in Massachusetts and are not temporarily visiting here.

If you submit copies of immigration documents or other proof showing that immigration officials know you are living in the U.S., you may be able to get more health benefits. To find out which noncitizens are eligible for full MassHealth, see the MassHealth member booklet included in the application packet, or go to the MassHealth Web site at www.mass.gov/masshealth.

A noncitizen does not have to submit any immigration documents with the MassHealth application form if:

- you are applying for your U.S.-citizen children, but are not applying for any benefits for yourself; or
- you are applying only for MassHealth Limited, CMSP, HS, or UCP, MassHealth programs that have more limited benefits but are available regardless of immigration status.

To apply for MassHealth Limited or other MassHealth programs that do not require proof of your immigration status (or if you are applying only for your U.S.-citizen children):

- You do not need to give us any immigration documents.
- You do not need to have a social security number.
- You do need to give us proof of your income. If you do not have pay stubs or tax records, you can prove what your income is in other ways, like giving us a signed statement.

Your application and the information on it will be kept confidential.

- Your name and address will not be sent to immigration officials.
- If you do not have a social security number, MassHealth will not match your information with other agencies.

Getting health care under MassHealth will not make it harder for you to get a green card (unless you live in a nursing home). For more information about the immigration laws and public benefits, see “A Quick Guide to ‘Public Charge’ and Receipt of Public Benefits,” published by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/factsheets/charge.pdf>. A list of immigrant advocacy organizations that can provide confidential answers to your questions about the immigration laws is also included as part of this brochure.

Legal Services for Noncitizens

Boston Area

Asian American Civic Association

90 Tyler St.
Boston, MA 02111
Phone: 617-426-9492 / Fax: 617-482-2316

Immigration counseling, help with preparation of applications, and legal referrals; no representation. Chinese spoken.

Catholic Charities, Refugee and Immigration Services

270 Washington St.
Somerville, MA 02143
Phone: 617-625-1920 / Fax: 617-629-2246

Labor certifications, relative petitions, Cuban/Haitian adjustments, registry, nonimmigrant visa petitions, political asylum, exclusion, deportation proceedings, TPS counseling. Serves Boston and surrounding areas; all nationalities. BIA accredited staff. Spanish spoken.

Centro Presente

54 Essex St.
Cambridge, MA 02139-2609
Phone: 617-497-9080 / Fax: 617-497-7247

Help with preparation of applications for citizenship, family-based petitions, and NACARA cases. Spanish spoken.

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center

One West St.
Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone: 617-661-1010 / Fax: 617-661-3289

Specializing in asylum cases, refugee green cards, family-based visa petitions, adjustment of status, and consultation on naturalization problem cases. Spanish spoken.

Greater Boston Legal Services

197 Friend St.
Boston, MA 02114
Phone: 617-603-1808 / Fax: 617-371-1222

All types of immigration cases, primarily asylum cases, domestic violence cases, TPS counseling, and humanitarian relief. Provides community education/training. Serves the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Arabic, Somali, and Gujarat spoken.

Haitian Multi-Service Center

12 Bicknell St.
Dorchester, MA 02121
Phone: 617-436-2848 / Fax: 617-287-0284

Does not represent persons in deportation proceedings, but provides advice and referrals. Processes applications for Cuban/Haitian adjustments, registry. Provides community education/training. Serves the Greater Boston area: primarily Haitians. French and Haitian Creole spoken.

International Institute of Boston

One Milk St.
Boston, MA 02109
Phone: 617-695-9990 / Fax: 617-695-9191

Specializing in asylum cases, refugee green cards, citizenship, replacement green cards and I-94’s, refugee travel documents, re-entry permits, advance parole, affidavits of support, consultations. Also, on a limited basis: family-based visa petitions and adjustment of status. Weekly walk-in hours. Low-income legal assistance program. Deportation defense and assistance for battered women. Serves Boston INS jurisdiction: all nationalities. BIA accredited staff. Spanish, French, and Vietnamese spoken.

Pair Project

14 Beacon St. Rm. 804 A
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: 617-742-9296 / Fax: 617-742-9385

Specializing in asylum and detention and deportation cases.