



MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL HOSPITAL

SOCIAL SERVICE

Programs without Immigration Requirements

in Massachusetts
(short version)

Child Care

Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Programs (CFCEs)

eeclead.my.site.com/apex/EEC_FamilyResourcesChildCare or mass.gov/edu and search for “Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Programs”

Head Start / Early Head Start

massheadstart.org or 1-866-763-6481

Financial/Material Assistance

American Friends Service Committee – Material Aid & Advocacy Program

617-876-5312 or maapma.org/getting-support-at-maap

Solutions at Work – Children’s Clothing Exchange

617-576-0039 or solutionsatwork.org/our-programs/childrens-clothing-exchange/

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 at 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

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Prescription Advantage

1-800-243-4636 massoptions.org/massoptions/

Download application: prescriptionadvantagemma.org/Application/ApplyOnline or mass.gov and search for “Prescription Advantage”

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

(617) 983-6800 or visit the Department of Public Health website: mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph or mass.gov and search for “Communicable Disease Control”

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

617-626-8000 or mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dmh/

24/7 MA Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL)

Call or text 833-773-2445 or visit masshelpline.com/

Purchase Insurance through an Employer or Directly from the Insurer

Under the Affordable Care Act undocumented immigrants 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)

Available to MA residents **age 60 or older, or under 60 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.** 1-800-243-4636 or massoptions.org/massoptions/

Home Care Assistance Program (Through Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission)

Available to MA residents **under age 60.** 617-204-3853 or mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/living-supports/home-care/under-60/ or mass.gov and search for “HCAP”

Housing

Housing Assistance Programs

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

State Housing programs: masshousing.com

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

Federal Housing Programs: 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)

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

Contact your local Regional Housing Provider: masshousinginfo.org/#regional-agencies

Shelters

mahomeless.org/get-help

Legal

Free/Low-Cost Immigration Law Clinics

Free Immigration Clinics for Boston Residents: boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/free-immigration-consultations

The Rian Immigrant Center offers free immigration clinics **open to immigrants from any country:**
riancenter.org/what/immigration-legal-services/

Immigration Law

The MIRA Coalition’s legal service providers page (listings in MA, NH, & RI):
miracoalition.org/resources/legal-services/

The Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 866-627-7577 or masslawhelp.com/

Nutrition

Fair Foods- Two-Dollars-A-Bag Program

fairfoods.org/ or (617) 288-6185

Food Pantries

Project Bread’s The FoodSource Hotline **1-800-645-8333**. As required documentation varies by food pantry, call to verify eligibility. According to the MA Attorney General, food pantries cannot require photo ID or SSNs.

Meals on Wheels

800-243-4636 or visit massoptions.org/massoptions/ or mealsonwheelsamerica.org/

National School Lunch Program

fns.usda.gov/nslp

NOTE: all schools in MA offer free universal school lunch.

Summer Meals Program

Call the local school department or the FoodSource Hotline at **1-800-645-8333** or meals4kids.org/find-summer-meal-site

WIC

mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/basic-needs/food/wic/ or www.mass.gov and search for “WIC”

Transportation

The RIDE

mbta.com/riding_the_t/accessible_services/default.asp?id=7108 or **617-337-2727** to schedule an in-person assessment.

Utility Assistance

Undocumented immigrants are not eligible, but some mixed status households may be eligible for prorated benefits. See "For Mixed Status Households" for more.

Good Neighbor Energy Fund

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

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

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 child care. Please ask your social worker for more information and eligibility criteria.

Public Charge

For more information see:

pifcoalition.org/publiccharge2022

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.