

# Frail Elder Waiver (300% SSI)

*This program is designed to keep nursing home eligible elders home safely with services, as long as possible.*

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services authorizes payments for home and community-based services from Aging Services Access Points, also known as ASAPs to frail, nursing home eligible elders. Approval for the Frail Elder Waiver enables the frail elder to receive MassHealth benefits and to qualify for the Community Choices Program.

## Who is the Frail Elder Waiver Program for?

The program is for elders currently living in the community, who have also been identified as over income for standard Medicaid, are in need of home care services and, who would otherwise be placed in a nursing home.

## Eligibility

Any adult, age 60 and over and a resident of Massachusetts who meets the following criteria:

- Eligible for state home care or respite services;
- Clinically eligible for nursing home care as determined through an in-home assessment by a Registered Nurse from Elder Services and supporting medical documentation;
- Personal individual income not greater than \$2,205/month as of 2017; and
- Assets of no more than \$2000 per person. Couples incomes are looked at individually.

## Procedure

A referral to Elder Services Information & Referral Department is made for the State Home Care Program. The elder must be willing to accept services such as: homemaker, personal care, respite, home health aide or meals. A complete list of services is available by request. A Senior Medical Benefits Request form (MassHealth application) must be completed and sent to the Mass Health Enrollment Center along with the clinical eligibility screening. If financial and clinical eligibility requirements are met, the MassHealth benefit is obtained by the elder.

## Services

Enrollment in the Community Choices Program, which provides extensive support through day programs, personal care or companion keep a frail elder in their own home as safely as possible, and augments family support.

## Cost

Consumers should be willing to pay a co-payment as part of the home care service plan until the MassHealth benefit is obtained. There is a sliding fee scale based on income.

## More Information

For more information about Frail Elder Waiver, call our Information & Referral Department at 800-892-0890.

