

Part 20 Sources of Additional Information

Freedman, Don and Starr, Emily et al., *Estate Planning for the Aging or Incapacitated Client in Massachusetts* (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston, MA). To order: 1-800-966-6253.

Harris, Deborah et al., *TAFDC Advocacy Guide*, 2005 edition (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston MA). \$7.95 To order: 1-800-966-6253.

Landry, Linda et al., *An Advocate's Guide to Surviving the SSI System*, 2000 edition (Disability Law Center, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston, MA). \$15 To order: 1-800-966-6253.

Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, *Access to Health Care in Massachusetts: A Catalog of Health Care Programs for Uninsured and Underinsured Individuals* (Massachusetts DHCFP, Boston, MA). To order: 617-988-3100.

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, *The Handbook on the Legal Rights of Minors*, 1999 (MHLAC, Boston, MA). To order: 617-338-2345.

National Immigration Law Center, *Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs* (4th ed. 2002). \$45 for nonprofits. To order: 213-639-3900, ext. 3.

Perkins, Jane et al., *An Advocate's Guide to the Medicaid Program*, 2001, (National Health Law Program, Los Angeles, CA) \$135. To order: 310-204-6010.

223 Websites

National

Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services: www.cms.hhs.gov

This website by the federal agency that administers Medicaid contains extensive information on Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP including: copies of each state's Medicaid plan, CMS's State Medicaid Manual, and Letters from CMS Officials to State Medicaid Officials.

National Health Law Program: www.healthlaw.org

An excellent site for legal advocates with extensive information on Medicaid and links to other useful sites.

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured: www.kff.org

Reports on Medicaid, Medicare, the Uninsured, and other topics including a comparison of health facts among the states.

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law: www.bazelon.org

Resources on legal rights of people with mental disabilities.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: www.cbpp.org

Reports on Medicaid, children's health and other policy issues.

Families USA: www.familiesusa.org

Reports on Medicaid, Medicare and the uninsured, current legislative developments and links to other health-related sites.

Massachusetts

Office of Medicaid: www.mass.gov/masshealth

This website contains summaries of MassHealth programs, the application form and member booklet, regulations, provider manuals and bulletins, transmittal letters and other information about MassHealth administered programs.

- *Provider regulations (covered services):*
www.mass.gov/masshealth from the main page, select MassHealth Regulations and Other Publications
- *MassHealth Drug List:*
www.mass.gov/masshealth from the main page, select *MassHealth Drug List*
- *Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership:*
www.masspartnership.com
- *Children's Medical Security Plan:* www.cmspkids.com
- *Healthy Start Program:* www.hspmoms.com
- **Website for the MassHealth Managed Care Organizations:** *BMC Health Net:* bmc.org/healthnet; *Neighborhood Health Plan:* nhp.org; *Network Health Plan (Cambridge Health Alliance):* networkhealth.com; *Fallon Community Health Plan:* fchp.org

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- *MassHealth Training Forum:* www.masshealthmtf.org Training materials and other information presented at regional training forums sponsored by the MassHealth agency for providers and consumers

Division of Health Care Finance and Policy: www.mass.gov/dhcfp

This website contains information on the Uncompensated Care Pool/Free Care program, rate regulations for MassHealth services, and reports on managed care, the uninsured, the hospital system, and other topics.

Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/dph

This website contains information about various public health programs, including the Women's Health Network breast and cervical cancer screening programs:

- *Women's Health Network:* 1-877-414-4447

The Division of Unemployment Assistance: mass.gov/dua

This website contains information about health insurance coverage for unemployment insurance recipients through the Medical Security Plan.

Executive Office of Elder Affairs: www.ma-elderaffairs.org and www.800ageinfo.com

Information about services to elders including Medicare, the Prescription Advantage Program, Home Care Services, Aging Service Access Points, and free health counseling for elderly and disabled individuals through the SHINE program.

Department of Mental Health: www.mass.gov/dmh

This site includes the eligibility criteria for DMH services.

Department of Transitional Assistance: www.mass.gov/dta

This site includes information about programs administered by DTA including EAEDC and TAFDC.

Health Insurance Connector: www.mass.gov/connector and macommonwealthcare.com (Commonwealth Care website)

Massachusetts Legal Services Programs: www.masslegalservices.org

This site includes information for advocates about health, benefits, housing, family law, and other substantive areas of poverty law. The Health section is maintained by MLRI and includes updates on current developments and other advocacy materials. The related site: www.masslegalhelp.org includes community education materials for clients as well as information listing legal services programs throughout the state.

Health Care for All: www.hcfama.org

This site describes the advocacy and organizing projects of Health Care for All and describes pending health access legislation as well as the activities of Coalitions working on children’s issues, eliminating health disparities, and implementing health reform. A daily blog is indispensable reading for those working on health policy issues.

Massachusetts Community Partners: www.compartners.org

This site includes materials to assist community outreach workers who help low-income uninsured and elderly people enroll in available health benefits.

224 Legal Services Offices

Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau (Waltham).....	781-893-4793
Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services	617-603-2700
Community Legal Services & Counseling Center (Cambridge)	617-661-1010
Disability Law Center	
Boston	617-723-8455; 800-872-9992
Northampton	413-584-6337; 800-222-5619
Essex County Family Legal Aid Center (Salem).....	978-740-6688
Greater Boston Legal Services.....	617-371-1234
Hale & Dorr Community Law Center (Jamaica Plain).....	617-522-3003
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.....	617-495-4408
Legal Advocacy & Resource Center (state-wide)	617-603-1700; 800-342-5297
Legal Assistance Corp. of Central Mass. (Worcester).....	508-752-3718; 800-649-3718
Mass. Justice Project	
Holyoke.....	413-533-2660; 800-639-1209
Worcester	508-831-9888
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute	617-357-0700
Merrimack Valley North Shore Legal Services	
Lynn	781-599-7730
Lowell (main office)	978-458-1465; 800-525-0989
Neighborhood Legal Services	
Lawrence.....	978-686-6900; 888-657-2889
Lynn	781-599-7730; 800-747-5056

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New Center for Legal Advocacy	
New Bedford.....	508-996-8576; 800-244-9023
Plymouth.....	508-746-2777; 800-585-4933
New England School of Law Clinical Law Office (Boston).....	617-422-7380
South Coastal Counties Legal Services	
Brockton.....	508-586-2110
Fall River	508-676-6265
Hyannis	508-775-7020
New Bedford.....	508-979-7150
Plymouth.....	508-747-1444
South Middlesex Legal Services (Framingham).....	508-620-1830; 800-696-1501
Suffolk University Legal Services (Chelsea).....	617-884-7568
Volunteers Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association.....	617-426-0648
Western Massachusetts Legal Services	
Northampton	413-584-4034; 800-639-1309
Pittsfield	413-499-1950; 800-639-1509
Springfield.....	413-781-7814; 800-639-1109

Legal assistance is also available from Health Law Advocates, who provide representation to low and moderate income clients and make referrals to a panel of pro bono lawyers on health-related issues

Health Law Advocates..... 617-338-5241; 800-272-4232 (Help Line)