

# Piecing it together:

## MassHealth Limited + Health Safety Net

### **MassHealth Limited covers emergency services – such as:**

- Visits to the emergency department of hospitals;
- Outpatient hospital visits, including ancillary services, for the treatment of “acute medical conditions requiring immediate attention;”
- Hospital stays related to an acute medical condition;
- Labor and delivery;
- Emergency dental care, from any MassHealth dental provider;
- “Emergency services” related to ongoing health conditions—such as insulin for people who depend on it, dialysis for people with renal failure, oxygen equipment and supplies, and emergency cancer treatment;
- Antibiotics and other medically necessary drugs prescribed in conjunction with the emergency services listed above (for a total of a 30-day supply); prescriptions can be filled at retail pharmacies;
- Transportation by ambulance in conjunction with emergency services listed above;
- Other services determined to be covered on a case-by-case basis.

For MassHealth Limited coverage, MassHealth regulations define “emergency services” as...

“the treatment of a medical condition that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that the absence of immediate medical attention reasonably could be expected to result in:

- (a) placing the member’s health in serious jeopardy;
- (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.”

MassHealth Limited does **not** cover medical visits and prescriptions that aren’t clearly related to an emergency service, services at long-term care and rehabilitation facilities (unless an exception is granted), and organ transplants.

### **The Health Safety Net can pay for more than just emergency care:**

The Health Safety Net pays for all services that MassHealth Standard covers, including preventative care.

However, it only covers these services when they are provided to you by a community health center or acute care hospital (this includes prescriptions, which must be filled on-site).

You may need to become a patient of a community health center in order to receive these services.

- For a searchable directory of community health centers—including which provide primary, dental, and eye care, see:  
<http://tinyurl.com/find-chc>
- For a listing of acute care hospitals and community health centers—including notes of which have pharmacies, see:  
<http://tinyurl.com/hsn-care>

**Members of MassHealth Limited also have access to the Health Safety Net!**

Health Safety Net “Secondary” will cover services (at an acute care hospital or community health center) that MassHealth Limited doesn’t cover. **This includes non-emergency care.**