



Massachusetts Health Care Reform Client Update

2008 Form MA 1099-HC

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Many of the health carriers that provide coverage to Massachusetts residents have started to send out the 2008 Form MA 1099-HC. Participants should receive their forms on or before January 31st.

Unlike 2007, for 2008, the carriers must indicate the months during which the participant and/or dependents had coverage. The carrier can check off a "Full Year Coverage" box for those participants/dependents who were covered for the entire 12 months, or check off each particular month for those with less than 12 months of coverage. For a month of coverage, a participant or dependent had to have 15 or more days of coverage.

The carriers have established procedures for answering questions and for issuing lost or duplicate forms.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. For answers to questions and for lost/duplicate forms, participants may visit www.bluecrossma.com/1099HC, or call the toll-free number on the back of their BCBSMA medical plan ID card.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. For answers to questions, participants can call the Member Services Department at 888-333-4742. For information and lost/duplicate forms, participants may visit the 1099-HC Info Center at www.harvardpilgrim.org/1099.

Fallon Community Health Plan. For answers to questions and for lost/duplicate forms, participants can call Customer Service at 800-868-5200.

United HealthCare, Aetna and all other carriers. For answers to questions and for lost/duplicate forms, participants can call the toll-free number printed on the participants' ID cards or listed in the members' enrollment material.

If you receive questions from your employees, please refer them to the above procedures or have them call a Benemax Independent Member Advocate at 800-528-1530, prompt 3.