

Sample letter to your client

_____, 2015

Dear Client:

I understand that you [or your loved one] would like very much to remain at home with care through one of the community MassHealth programs (PACE, PCA or frail elder waived programs).

Unfortunately, because your monthly income exceeds the program limit set in 2015 at \$2,199, you are precluded from qualifying for enough services to stay at home.

A Bill has been filed in the Massachusetts legislature, which would enable you to access these programs if you agreed to pay to the State, as a premium, the amount of your income that exceeds \$2,199. If you would like to support this change in the program rules, please sign the enclosed letter and forward it directly to your state representative and senator.

Legislators are very interested in the personal stories of constituents. If you are willing to explain how this Bill would assist you or your loved one in staying at home rather than entering a nursing home, please let me know and I will provide you with further details.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Signed by MANAELA attorney)

Sample letter from client to legislator
Modify it from elder or family member

Date: _____

Dear Legislator:

My name is _____. [OPTIONAL: I suffer from medical conditions that result in my needing assistance with many of the activities of daily living, such as _____.] I am (or my loved one is) not eligible for MassHealth coverage for care at home because they say I have too much income. But I don't have enough income to pay for my care.

I am in favor of ***An Act To Preserve Eligibility for The PACE Program And Certain Waivered Services, Representative Benson, Senator Eldridge, H966; S580***. I would be willing to pay my income in excess of \$2,199 to the Commonwealth as a premium, if it would enable me to qualify for coverage of care at home.

Without MassHealth covered home care services, I will have no choice but to seek care in a nursing home covered by MassHealth. Ironically, my income will not prevent me from qualifying for MassHealth coverage of nursing home care.

Please support bill H966; S580 so that elders can get care at home.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
