



HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

**ONLINE
APPLICATION
SYSTEM (HIX)
UPGRADES**

Version	Anticipated Release Date*	Upgrades*
HIX 5.0	5/7/15 - already in effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SSN is no longer required for those not applying. ○ If ID proofing failed due to wrong SSN, can re-enter the entire SSN. • Immigration Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Text is now underlined in the question: “What was the date that the immigration status changed?” ○ If an applicant doesn’t have their Naturalization Certificate, they can now say that they don’t know it. Verification <u>might</u> still be requested. • APTCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consumers can now adjust their APTC amount. If the adjustment happens before the 23rd of the month, the change will go into effect for the following month. ○ If consumers are also enrolled in dental coverage, they should not change their APTC amount. Making a change may cause them to become unenrolled from their dental coverage. They need to call the Health Connector for help and/or if they do become dis-enrolled. ○ New texts states, “If FULL_LEGAL_NAME gets an Advance Premium Tax Credit to help pay for health insurance in 2015, do they agree to file a federal income tax return for the tax year 2015? FULL_LEGAL_NAME may not have needed or chosen to file federal income tax return in the past, but they will have to file a federal income tax return for any year that they get an Advanced Premium Tax Credit. FULL_LEGAL_NAME must check ‘yes’ to get ConnectorCare or Advance Premium Tax Credit to help pay for their health insurance.” • Workarounds No Longer Necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MassHealth postpartum coverage for 60 days will be automatic. ○ 5 year bar upgrade will be automatic. ○ ARD/PSI/CAC forms will be synched to cases. ○ When needed, non-custodial parent forms will go out automatically. ○ Newborn coverage for 1 year for babies born to mothers on MassHealth. ○ Safe harbor rule: If an applicant’s Connector MAGI is 100% FPL and MassHealth MAGI is over 138% FPL, the applicant will be determined eligible for MassHealth. • Newborn Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When a change is reported due to the birth of a newborn, the change will be reflected by the health insurance plan. • ESI Questions and Eligibility Determinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants that state that they have access to or are enrolled in ESI that meets the minimum value standards and is considered affordable will not qualify for ConnectorCare or APTCs.

HIX 6.0	July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current online system doesn't have the functionality to make eligibility determinations based on disability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After HIX release 6.0, all disabled children and MassHealth Standard disabled adults will be able to go through the system. ▪ CommonHealth eligible adults will still need to go through a manual process. • Verifications and Time Clocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new system will allow for verifications to be handled based on the 90-day provisional eligibility window. Time clocks will show when verifications are due. • MassHealth Premium Payment Screen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a consumer needs to make a MassHealth premium payment, it will show on their online eligibility screen. • Enhanced Income Matching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Department of Revenue data will be used as a back up to IRS income data. • Pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pregnancy end date will be automatic 90 days post birth of infant. • Aging Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dependents turning 26 will be aged out from their QHP. • Newborns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retroactive enrollment into a QHP for a newborn will be improved. • Immigration Page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be updated to be more user friendly.
HIX 6.5 & HIX 7.0	Fall 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium Assistance Renewals Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New updates will allow for MassHealth Premium Assistance renewals. • Health Connector Renewals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New updates will allow for Health Connector renewals. • Open Enrollment 2015-2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ System updates for the upcoming open enrollment period.

*** Please Note:**

- The above release dates and content are subject to change.