

Program:	Dukes County Health Care Access Program						Primary Contact for questions:	
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Mission Statement	The mission of the Health Care Access Program (HCAP) is to assist residents of Martha's Vineyard to obtain affordable, high-quality health care.						Title:	Director
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Brief program description	HCAP is a culturally competent service that connects Island residents with Massachusetts affordable health insurance programs, Medicare and related coverage. HCAP provides application, enrollment and retention services for state and federal insurance plans. In the process of doing this we provide advocacy, information and referrals to medical and other health care providers, and related human services. HCAP manages Vineyard Smiles, a portable dental and dental hygiene services for children in grades K-12 and for low income adults; and prescription assistance including financial assistance and benefits counseling. HCAP provides services in English, Portuguese and Spanish.							
Who qualifies for services	HCAP provides services for Islanders of all ages who need assistance applying for health coverage.							
"Adjacent" Agencies	Organizations that HCA routinely partners with: Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Island Health Care, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, SUD recovery programs, all Councils on Aging, Boards of Health, Community Ambassador Program, MV Public Schools, Polished Dental LLC, Community Mobile Oral Health Services							
What if we didn't exist?	How would these services be delivered? State and Federal agency Customer Service e.g. MassHealth, Health Connector, Medicare, Social Security; and insurance companies. Many of our clients find these bureaucracies difficult to navigate without trained assisters. There are no in-person assistance sites on Martha's Vineyard and clients would have to travel off island to receive in person assistance. As many of them do not have resources to do so, they might end up without health insurance coverage.							
Benefits	What is the ripple effect? What are the indirect benefits? When people have health insurance they may avoid medical debt and tax penalties, have improved acute and chronic health outcomes, and have improved social well-being. Without insurance, access to medical care, prescription medical and dental care is limited.							

Requested from towns:		Total	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury
FY2025	Allocation *	100%	2.82%	10.44%	32.66%	21.33%	18.56%	14.19%
		\$ 558,863.24	\$ 15,759.94	\$ 58,345.32	\$ 182,524.73	\$ 119,205.53	\$ 103,725.02	\$ 79,302.69

* Allocation % is based on the 50/50 formula: 50% based on population, 50% based on equalized Real Estate value (adjusted annually)