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**Field Operations Memo 97-71**  
**December 2, 1997**

**TO: Transitional Assistance Office Staff**  
**FROM: Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations**  
**RE: One-Time, Lump-Sum SSI Payment**

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**Introduction**

During the first week in December 1997, the Department is issuing a one-time, lump-sum SSI payment to all active SSI recipients. This payment is due to an SSI Maintenance of Effort required by federal law.

Because this is a nonrecurring, lump-sum payment, it will not affect food stamp benefits. See 106 CMR 363.230(I) of the Food Stamp Program.

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**Recipient Notice**

A recipient notice is being mailed with the check. A facsimile of the notice is shown below.



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Department of Transitional Assistance*

The enclosed check represents a one-time, lump-sum SSI payment. This check is being issued because of a requirement of federal law. If you are receiving food stamp benefits, this payment will not affect them.

If you are a Representative Payee, this check is being provided to you on behalf of the person whose social security number is on the check.

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**Undeliverable Checks**

Undeliverable checks will **not** be returned to the Transitional Assistance Offices. Workers must look at the Checks Issued Screen (CHEK) to determine if a check was returned as undeliverable.

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**Check  
Replacement**

An SSI recipient may go to any Transitional Assistance Office to report that he or she did not receive the SSI check or the SSI check was lost or stolen. Regulations for replacement of checks may be found in 106 CMR 706.500 - 706.520 of the Transitional Cash Assistance Programs.

Note: SSI recipients are not entitled to vouchers for immediate assistance pending replacement.

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**Questions**

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478. Systems questions should be directed to Customer Support Services at (617) 348-5290.

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