



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Deval Patrick, Governor ♦ Tim Murray, Lt. Governor ♦ Tina Brooks, Undersecretary

Housing Stabilization Notice 2011-01

Memorandum

To: DHCD Field Staff

From: Robert Pulster, Associate Director, Division of Housing Stabilization

Subject: **Implementation of Increase in the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective January 24, 2011**

Date: January 21, 2011

Effective January 24, 2011, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued pursuant to the Federal Register (*Vol. 76, No 13, pp 3637-38 issued on Thursday, January 20, 2011*) will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA eligibility for applicants and recipients is 115 % of the Federal Poverty Guideline. Until BEACON is updated to reflect this change, eligibility for EA will be determined manually. Please use "What If" on BEACON to calculate a family's eligibility for EA. Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

AU Size	115% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard As of 1-24-2011
1	\$1,044
2	\$1,410
3	\$1,776
4	\$2,142
5	\$2,508
6	\$2,874
7	\$3,240
8	\$3,606
9	\$3,972
10	\$4,338
Add Person	\$366

This notice supersedes Housing Stabilization Notice 2009-01.

Remember: Do not enter income on BEACON for any family with TAFCD and/or SNAP benefits. Notify the DTA case manager of any changes in income.