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Dear Massachusetts SSP Recipient,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that in April 2012 there will be some changes to the Massachusetts SSI State Supplement Program.

The Massachusetts SSI State Supplement Program (SSP) provides financial support to help make the lives of eligible aged, disabled, and blind residents of the state better. The SSP program is managed by the Department of Transitional Assistance and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Part or all of the payment you currently get from the Social Security Administration (SSA) each month comes from state SSP money. The money is sent from the state to SSA and SSA sends it to you. This is called the SSP payment. If SSA also makes a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment to you, they add your SSP payment to your SSI payment and send you one payment for both programs on the first of each month. Starting April 1, 2012, Massachusetts will send your SSP payments directly to you.

This different way of managing the SSP will not change your eligibility, the way you get your payments, or the amount of payments you get each month.

The enclosed Question and Answer sheet gives you more information about what is happening and why.

If you have additional questions after reading the Questions and Answers please call the Massachusetts SSP Customer Service Center at **877-863-1128** or visit the Massachusetts SSP website at www.mass.gov/hhs/ssp.

Very truly yours,

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